The Records of the Second Congregational Church in West Boxford.

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1848.

June 2.

Deacon Charles Foster and Deacon John Day having resigned their office as deacons the Church made choice of Daniel K Gage and Joshua T. Day as their successors

It was also to render thanks to the retiring Deacons for their long and faithful services.

1850.

April 14. Mrs Mira Bodwell was dismissed to the Congregational Church in Methuen.

May 19. The Church met and took up the subject of a new Covenant and Articles of Faith and after several meetings adopted without any dissenting voice the

following Articles of Faith and Covenant.

1st We believe in the one living and true God. - the Father Son and Holy Ghost: and that it is the duty of all men supremely to to love and obey him.

2d We believe that the Scriptures of the old and New Testament are the word of God. written throughout by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost and they are a perfectly sufficient and infallible rule of faith & practice.

3d We believe that God created our first parents upright, that by eating the forbidden fruit they fell from that State of righteousness, and that in consequence of their apostacy, all their descendents were made Sinners.

4th We believe in the incarnation, obedience suffering and death of Jesus Christ; his resurrection and ascension, that he alone by his Sufferings and death has made Atonement for Sin, and that faith in him is essential to Salvation.

5th. You believe that the wickedness of every man's heart is such as to render necessary his being born again, that he may enter into the kingdom of God, and that no one will ever perform the conditions of salvation but such as are made willing to do so, by the special influence of the Holy Ghost.

6th. You believe that God has from the foundation of the world chosen those from among men who shall receive eternal life, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth, and who shall through grace, persever in holiness unto the end.

7th. You believe that Christ has established a Church in the earth composed only of such as have savingly believed in Jesus Christ and that he has appointed two ordinances to be observed by the Church,- the Lords Supper and baptism the latter to be received by believers and their households.

8th. You believe in the resurrection of the righteous and the wicked, in a universal final judgement in which all men will receive according to their deeds done in their body, and after which the

righteous will go away into eternal life, and the wicked into a punishment that will never end.—
Thus you profess and believe.

Covenant.

You do now humbly and penitently asking the forgiveness of your sins through the blood of the Saviour, give up yourself to God in an everlasting covenant in our Lord Jesus Christ, and in the presence of God angels and men, you promise by the assistance of the Holy Spirit, that you will forsake the vanities of this world, and let your conversation be such as becometh godliness, consecrating all your powers to the Service of Jesus Christ, and seeking the good of the church and the world. You covenant with this church to walk in love, to submit to its discipline and ordinances and in all things to seek its peace and welfare so long as in the providence of God you shall be connected with it.

And we the members of this church do now affectionately receive you to our communion and fellowship; and engage to watch over your Spiritual interests, and to walk with you in all the ordinances of the gospel as becometh Saints. and may God of his infinite mercy enable us to be faithful to him and to each other while we live, that we may be admitted at last, through the blood of Christ to his everlasting kingdom.

Voted that the Deacons of the Church be a Committee to attend to the printing of the above. Also that the Deacons be a Committee to act in conjunction with the Pastor in the examination of Candidates for admission to the Church.

June 1. Voted to receive Sarah E. Andrew Eunice Chadwick and Elizabeth T. Shefford into the church.

Sept 29. Voted that the Sacrament be postponed to Nov 1. and that hereafter the Sacrament be administered every alternate month

Nov 1. John F Kimball and his wife L. L. Kimball, Mary G Day, Abby Ann Nichols Wm R Cole & and Mighill Cole Moses ~~and~~ Perley and ~~W R Cole~~ W K Cole were admitted to the Church on profession."

1852.

April 29 Samuel J Peal was received to the Church on profession.

June 20. Samuel C Hovey & wife were dismissed to the Church in Groveland and Mrs Abby G. Davis to the Trinitarian Church in North Andover

July 2. Mehitable Shefford. Harriet Shefford. Sarah W Shefford. Edwin S Adams. Wm H Hood

Charles Perley. George W Chadwick D Tenney Gove. B. F Perry J Gilman Gove George S. Cole & Albert Day were received to the Church in probation.

Voted at the same time to accept the confession made by W Kimball Cole in relation to certain charges of delinquency made against him at a meeting of the church in March 30. 1852.

Dec 31. Lucy P. Hovey was received to the church in probation.

1853.

Almira Kimball, wife of William R Kimball was received to the church in probation.

1854

In May 1854. Charges were brought against Mrs Mary E. wife of Thomas S Lapham in reference ~~of~~ to the birth of her first child, alleged to have been born too soon after marriage.

After several meetings it was voted to dismiss the complaint on account of insufficient evidence

- Mrs Gove wife of Dea D. H. Gove received by letter.

1857.

Mary J Corlies Isaac N Andrew Eliza C. Andrew. W R Kimball Harriet A Peck Sarah K Day Charlotte P. Robinson Lydia M. Perry were received to the church

Complaint having been made against George S Cole in regard to alleged immoral conduct and many meetings having been held it was finally voted Sept 14. that the complaint be dismissed and Mr. Cole be considered in good standing in the Church

1858.

Calvin Hubbard & his wife were received to the Church in profession

Mrs Martha D Clevenger was also received on profession. Her husband G. H. D. Loving been previously received by letter from Presbyterian church in Wallabout.

Trinitarian

D. T. Gorge and J. G. Gorge dismissed to the Church in Newburgh and Elizabeth T. Stafford to the Cong. Church in Newark N. J.

1859.

April 9. The following communication was made to the church on the Sabbath

Brethren and Friends.

My object in this communication is to request you to unite with me in calling an Ecclesiastical Council for the purpose of considering, if they shall think best my pastoral connection with you. The reasons which prompt me to this step if it is not necessary I should here state. They are reasons which to my own mind are perfectly decisive

It is not possible for me to contemplate this dissolution with indifference. My

connection with this church which I commenced nearly thirteen years, has been one in many instances of profit and satisfaction to me and not wholly without profit and satisfaction to some of you. My earnest wish and prayer is that the dissolution now in prospect may be overruled to our common spiritual growth and to the prosperity of the cause of Christ among you

Yours in the bonds of the Gospel
Calvin E. Park

West Boxford April 9. 1859.

At a meeting of the church held on Thursday April 14. it was voted to comply with the request of the Pastor above recorded and Deac. J. T. Day and W R Cole were appointed as Committee to take the proper measures for carrying the vote into effect.

April 29. The following Resolution was unanimously passed.

That the members of this Church both individually and as a body do hereby ex-

[illegible] their entire confidence in Rev. Calvin E. Park, their Pastor as a faithful devoted and laborious minister of the Gospel; yet in consideration of the state of affairs in the parish are willing to unite with him in calling an Ecclesiastical council to consider the matter of dissolving the pastoral relation now existing between them.

The following is a copy of the Minutes of the Council called to assemble to the vote of the church. April 14th

Pursuant to letters missive an Ecclesiastical Council convened at the Church in West Boxford on the 4th day of May inst. at 9 A.M. to advise in reference to the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between Rev Calvin E. Park and the Church in this place.

The Council was composed of the following members.

Rev P. L. Taylor - Andover
First Church Andover, - Rev. J. C. Merrill - Pastor
First Ch. Boxford Rev W. S. Coggin Pastor
Bro. Daniel Gould Del.

Ch. in Middleton Rev. A. C. Johnson — Pastor
Bro. H. F. Richardson — Del.
Ch. in Bradford Rev. J. T. McCutcheon — Pastor
Bro. L. Johnson — Del.
Ev. Ch. N. Andover Rev. L. H. Cobb — Pastor.
Bro. Ezra Clark — Del.

The council was organized by the choice of Rev. J. L. Taylor — Moderator. Rev. L. H. Cobb Scribe. Statements were then made by the Pastor Rev. Mr Cook, setting forth the fact and reasons for asking the Church to unite with him in calling the Council, which statements were followed by further statements from the Committee of the Church and Parish. The Council having satisfied themselves respecting the facts in the case after due deliberation — unanimously adopted the following result.

The council have been gratified to find in this investigation abundant evidence of the judicious, faithful, and unremitted labors of Rev. A. Cook in Park during the thirteen years of his pastoral charge; as the result of which by the blessing of God the Church has been materially enlarged and strengthened.

Also it is remembered under that

disadvantages the pastorate commenced and under what embarrassments it has been prosecuted his measure of success appears to the Council evidence of a sincere devotion and zeal and patience as well as wisdom, and they are impressed with the feeling that he came to this field and has so long cultivated it at the manifest call of the Master of the Vineyard.

The Council have therefore felt extremely reluctant to advise a dissolution of a connexion so manifestly approved by the great Head of the Church. But it appears that during the entire period it has been difficult for the people to pay even the very moderate salary of the Pastor, that this difficulty has been of late increasing with no reliable prospect of a favorable change, and that the pastor and people look upon a separation as advisable if not necessary. although it was been gratifying to find that the church manifest much regret at an issue which must separate them from a Pastor whom they

highly valued and sincerely love.
The Council feel constrained therefore to conclude that a dissolution is on these grounds advisable.
In coming to this result the Council would heartily commend Rev. M. Falk to the churches as a sound instructive and spiritual preacher, and a discreet Pastor; rejoicing with him in the success which he has attained and praying for his continued acceptance and usefulness in the ministry of reconciliation.
And they also cordially commend the Church and people in this exigence to the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of Souls.

1860

At a meeting of the Second Church in Boxford, held in the Vestry on Friday March 30th 1860. After choosing Jedediah C. Barker Esq. Moderator of said meeting.-

The Church voted to give a call to Mr. Norman Seaver of Andover, to become their Pastor.

Sixteen members of the Church were present Fourteen voted in favor of giving Mr Seaver the call, one voted against it, and one did not vote.

John F. Kimball - Clerk

1861

At a meeting of the Second Church in Boxford, held in the Vestry on Tuesday April 9th 1861. After choosing Dane Foster Moderator of said meeting.

The Church voted to give a call to Mr Lucius Robie Eastman to become their Pastor.

The Church was well represented and the vote unanimous.

At a subsequent meeting the Church chose Dea. Joshua S. Day, William R. Kimball and William R. Cole, Committee to unite with the Parish in extending the call to Mr. Eastman and if he accepts of the call to make preparations for his Ordination

John F. Kimball - Clerk.

May 8. The church met and voted to accept the above Report and thereby to dissolve their relation to their Pastor

At Chose Mr. J. F. Kimball Clerk of the Church.

Voted to request Mr Park to continue to supply the pulpit till the 2d sabbath of the coming June.

In answer to the call given by the Church to Mr. Eastman the following letter was received.

Aug. 8th, 61.

Needham Mass.

To the Church and Society in W. Boxford.

Dear Brethren.

Some time has elapsed since you saw fit to Extend to me an invitation to become your Pastor. At that time I had but just begun to preach. Moreover it had been my expectation throughout my course of Study not to settle in any parish for a year or more after graduating. Still I wished to be guided by the leadings of Providence. In view of private circumstances wh. might render it impossible for me to settle any where this year and particularly in view of the importance of such a question as that of assuming the Pastoral office I thought it ought not to be decided under five or six weeks at least. When that time had expired I was still unable to decide what course to pursue whether to settle or not. I felt that I had obtained the call in my hands as long as justice to you would admit, accordingly I called on some of your committee. Alluding

to any perplexity in regard to the path of duty I stated that I had determined to give up the call into your hands, so that you could take whatever course you thought best; feeling that the best interests of your church seemed to require that you have more permanent ministrations, and not willing to be a hindrance in the way of your obtaining a Pastor. In reply to this I understood from you, the matter that it would be preferred that I retain the call in my hands & take what time I wished to decide the question. This I accordingly did. I endeavored to make it a question of duty rather than personal advantage, and to go where I could do most for the advancement of my Master's kingdom. After having carefully considered the matter & the obstacles to my immediate settlement being removed, I signified to your committee my readiness to accept the call, but when I came to consult with them prior to a final decision I understood that there was not that unanimity of feeling in the Church & Parish which I should desire to have exist as a condition of my settling among you, and also that it would not be best to raise the salary that was agreed on. In view of these latter facts on consulting with persons whom I consider best

calculated to advise in the matter, I decided to decline the call you so kindly extended.

With Sentiments of Esteem.
I remain yours in Christian fellowship.
L. R. Eastman Jr.

1863

At a meting of the Second Church in Boxford held in the Vestry on Tuesday March 17th 1863. After choosing Isaac W. Andrew Moderator the Church voted to adjourn for one week.

Tuesday Mar. 24th the Church met according to vote and voted to call Rev. Charles M. Pierce to become their Pastor.

Also chose John F Kimball Joshua S. Dry and William H. Wood a Committee to extend the call to Mr. Pierce if the Parish should unite with the Church in giving the call to Mr. Pierce.

There was a full meeting of the members and the vote to give the call was unanimous.

John F Kimball - Clerk

The following communication was received in May 1863

Andover May 15th 1863.

To the Committee of the Second Church & Society in Boxford

Gentlemen, Yours of April 2d has been received extending to me a call from your Church and Society to become their pastor with a Salary of Six hundred dollars per annum. After mature consideration I have concluded to accept this call on the express condition that the Society will guarantee to pay regularly and punctually the stipulated Salary in quarterly installments of $150. each.

Moreover I would ask as a favor from the Society the privelege of two Sabbaths each year as a vacation. Concerning this they will of course act their pleasure.

Sincerely yours

Chas M Peirce

John F. Kimball
Wm A Wood } Committee

The following communication was also received for Mr Prince at a later period.

Andover May 26th 1863.

To the Second Church and Society in Boxford

Brethren. I have received through your committee an invitation to become your Pastor. Before entering upon a relation so responsible & sacred I have endeavored first of all to seek the direction of the great Head of the Church that He would lead me in the way of Duty. After a prayerful consideration (candid and) of your call I have decided to accept it on the conditions therein proposed, relying on the strength and grace of Almighty God to enable me to discharge among you the duties of my calling. With the constant prayer that my connection with you may be both pleasant and profitable & my labors be blessed in / conversion of Sinners and the edification of the Church I remain in the bonds of Christian fellowship

Most truly yours

Charles M Prince

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A copy of the minutes of the Council called to ordain & install Chas. M. Price as pastor of this Church

West Boxford Mass. Sept. 2nd 1863

At an Ecclesiastical Council called by the Church at West Boxford, assembling on the second day of September 1863 the following Churches were represented by pastors & delegates

North Church Newburyport
Rev. E. C. Hooker, Pastor

First Church Andover
Rev. S. C. Leonard, Pastor
Bro. Henry A. Poulet Del.

Evangelical Church North Andover
Rev. L. H. Cobb- Pastor
Bro. S. H. Parker Del.

Church at West Amesbury
Rev. L. Thompson Pastor

Dea Joseph B Kelly Del.

First Church Bradford
Dea. William Day Del.

Church at Topsfield
Rev. Anson McLord Pastor
Bro. B. P. Adams Del.

South Church South Danvers
Rev. William M. Barber

There were also in Council Rev. Samuel M. Worcester D.D. of Salem & Rev. Calvin E. Park of West Boxford.

The Church & Society having presented their action in a call to Mr Chas. H. Pierce to become their pastor, the Council voted that it be deemed satisfactory & that the examination of the candidate be proceeded with

Evidence of Church membership & of license to preach the Gospel having been produced the Candidate, at the call of the Moderator read a confession of his faith

He was subjected to an examination in theology personal experience, & call to the ministry.

Voted Unanimously, that the examination be deemed Satisfactory & that the Council proceed to assign the parts for the Ordination Service

Voted - That the following be the order of the Ordination Service

Invocation & Reading of Scriptures
Rev. E C. Hooker

Prayer Rev. L. Thompson
Sermon Rev. S. A. Worcester D.D.
Ordaining Prayer Rev. P. C. Leonard
Charge to the Pastor Rev. A. McLoud
Right Hand of Fellowship
Rev. William M. Barber
Address to People, Rev. W. S. Coggin
Concluding Prayer, Rev. L. H. Cobb
Benediction by the Pastor

Voted - That at the close of the Services in the afternoon this Council be dissolved

P. C. Leonard Mod.
W. M. Barbee Scribe

West Boxford Jan. 1st. 1864

At a meeting of the Church held in the Vestry after the Preparation Lecture it was voted to receive Rev. Calvin E. Park to this Church, a letter of dismission fr. the First Cong. Church in Stoughton & of recommendation having been received bearing date Dec. 27th 1863

It was voted also that Thomas Little, Stafford, Gardner Griffin Kimball & Miss. Anna Pope Park having been duly Examined & proposed be received to the Church on profession of faith at the next Communion -

Mr. John F Kimball having tendered his resignation as Clerk of the Church Rev. Chas M. Pence was appointed in his place -

A Committee consisting of Chs. M. Pence, William R. Kimball & William H. Wood were appointed to report concerning a Hymn Book for Vestry use -

The Church Committee was authorized to consider & report upon the Benevolent objects to wh. Contribution shd be made the coming year.

Chas. M. Peirce
Clerk

West Boxford Jan. 3d 1864

Thomas L. Stafford, Gardner G. Kimball & Miss Anna M. Park made a profession of their faith & were admitted to the Church. The first two were also baptized.

In the afternoon, Alice Ermina, Eva Reynolds & Clara Newton, children of Wm. L. & Margy G. Stafford were baptized.

Chas. M. Peirce, Clerk

West Boxford Jan 6th 1864

Edward Franklin, son of Dea. Danl. H. Page was baptized Oct 30th 1863 at the Preparatory Lecture. Not before recorded.

C. M. Peirce
Clerk.

West Boxford June 26th 1864

At a Ch. Meeting after Service it was voted to grant a letter of dismission & recommendation to the First Ch. in Boxford to Mrs. Ada B. Cleveland (Ada Peabody) Letter was given in accordance w. vote

Thos M Peirce
Clerk

West Boxford July 1st. 864

At a Ch. Meeting holden after the Preparatory Lecture it was voted, To receive Mrs. Judith W. Kimball, wife of Asa Kimball, to this Church. a letter & recommendation having been received fr. the Cong. Ch. in West Cornesburg bearing date Feb. 11th 1864

Also voted. To receive Mr. Asa Kimball to this Ch. on profession of his faith at the communion next Sabbath

Thos M. Peirce - Clerk

West Boxford July 3d 1864

Mr. Asa Kimball was received to the Church by profession & was baptized.

Thos. M. Peirce
Clerk

May 7th 1865

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Chas M. Peirce
Clerk

July 16th 1865

The church met at the close of the service & [illegible] dismission from this church & recommendation to the 1st Cong. church in Ralph R.I. & Rev. D. A. DeBevoise & Mrs. Martha DeBevoise.

Chas M. Peirce
Pastor

Jan 5th 1866

By vote of the Church Miss Charlotte Barker & Mrs. Harriet B. Austin were received to this Church by letter. the former from 1st Cong. Ch. in Methuen Mass. the latter from the 1st Cong Ch. in Groveland Mass.

C. M. Peirce

May 20th 1866

By vote of the Church Mrs Mary Rew (Mary Foster) was dismissed from the Church and recommended to the Baptist Church in Methuen—

C. H. Paine
Pastor—

June 17th 1866

Mary daughter of Wid. Wm Cole & Mary Abbie daugh. of Thomas L. & Mary Shosford were baptized

Chas H. Paine
Pastor—

Sept. 2nd 1866

Mrs. Sarah E. Williams was received to this Church by letter from the Trinitarian Congl. Church in North Andover

Miss Lucretia Peck was received at the same time on profession of her faith

Chas H. Paine
Pastor—

Nov. 2nd 1866.

Chas A. Foster & Mrs. Esther A. his wife, rec'd by letter from the Methuen Congl. Church

C. H. Paine
Pastor—

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April 21st 1867

By vote of Church Bro L. C. Perry was dismissed & recommended to the Cong'l Church in Bradford

Chas A. Pierce
Poster & Clerk

Apr. May 3d. 1867

By vote of the Church letters of dismission & recommendation were Granted to Theodore Reynolds & Mrs. Sarah K. Carleton (Sarah K. Day) the former to Cong'l Church in Bradford & the latter to First Cong'l Church in Stockton Cal. Rev. W. G. Buchanan Poster

Chas M. Pierce Poster

May 17th 1867.

By vote of Church John Albert ~~Day~~ Day was dismissed & recommended to Cong'l Church in Bradford

Chas M. Pierce Poster

The following letter was read in the Church on the Sabbath June 23d.

To the Church & Society in West Boylston

Dear Brethren & Friends,

Nine years & three months have already elapsed since I began statedly to minister in your pulpit. It is nearly four years since I was here ordained to the Gospel ministry & installed as your pastor. Here I found a home here first I yielded up my youthful vows & hopes to do the master's work. Here are the hallowed associations of my first pastorate & tender ties bind my heart to those for whom I have labored.

But mature & earnest & protracted consideration has brought me to the settled conviction that my pastoral connection with you & our ought

The reasons which have led me to this step are various & it is not necessary for me to state them fully at this time. It suffices to say that the salary you pay is not adequate for my support and is not in proportion to the advanced prices or the salaries paid in other places. But there are other more pertinent reasons which cannot well be mentioned here which have led me to this action. Some of these are strictly personal to myself. Others

have desired to the State of things among you -
in any thing I have said if not wholly and I trust
to insist that you have not done all that you are
able for my pecuniary support. You have certainly
done more ~~than~~ all you agreed to do & more remain
more - I have many tokens of your kind remembrance
on every side to remind me of your regard & am a
grateful heart to record your many favors. It
has cost me a struggle to come to my present de-
cision but it has been done deliberately & I trust
righteously - I do therefore herewith tender my
resignation as Pastor of this Church to take effect
from the last Sabbath of the present month - and
I ask you to unite with me as soon as practicable in
calling an Ecclesiastical Council for the
purpose of dissolving my Pastoral connection with
you if they shall deem it advisable

Commending you to the grace of God
& to the care of the Good Shepherd I am
Yours in the bonds of the Gospel

Chas. M. Pierce

West Boxford June 23d 1867

At a meting of the second church in Boxford. held in the vestry on wednesday June 26. 1867: John F. Kimball was chosen moderator. & Gardner G. Kimball Church Clerk.

Voted. To choose a committe of three to confer with Rev Chas M Pierce in regard to his dismissal as pastor.

Voted: that this committee unite with Mr Pierce in calling an Ecclesiastical Council if found necessary.

Chose: Joshua T. Day.
Daniel K. Gage. } Committee.
Charles Perley.

Voted: to Adjourn till Friday June 28. 1867. to hear the report of the Committee.

Friday June 28. Church met according to vote and accepted the report of the committee.

Gardner G. Kimball. Clerk.

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The following is a copy of the minutes of the council called to consider the dismissal of Rev Charles M. Pierce.

West Boxford, July 17, 1867.

An Ecclesiastical Council was convened in this place at the call of Letter Missive from the Congregational Church to consider the resignation of Rev. Charles M. Pierce pastor, and to examine the facts and advise in the case. The Council was organized by the choice of Rev. A. McLeod as Moderator, and Rev. M. S. Howard as Scribe.

Prayer was offered by the moderator.

The following churches were represented in council

Congregational Church in Topsfield. Rev. A. McLeod. Pastor.
Bro. B. P. Adams. Del.

First " do. Boxford. Rev. W. S. Coggin, Pastor.
Bro Joseph H Gates. Del.

" do. Bradford. Rev. D. Kingsbury, Pastor.
Bro. B. G. Perry. Del.

" do. Groveland. Rev. M. S. Howard Pastor
Bro. Timothy Stacy. Del.

The action of the church and parish, in reference to the resignation of Mr Peirce was presented, and reasons for asking his dismission were offered to the Council by the pastor. Statements were also made by Rev. Mr Park, and by other members of the church and parish, after which the Council voted to be by themselves. — The Council in secret session, after a free expression of their opinions voted unanimously that they advise that the pastoral relation of Rev Mr Peirce to the church and congregation of West Stafford be dissolved.

Result of Council.

In coming to this result the council sympathize deeply with the church and congregation who thus lose an able and faithful Pastor to whom they were warmly attached and whose labors they highly appreciated. We commend the fidelity with which the society have fulfilled legal obligations to the Pastor, and their kind treatment of him. We hope they may continue united and be directed by Providence in the early choice

of one to go in and out before them and break unto them the bread of life.

We are confident that Mr Pierce in resigning his pastoral charge has acted from a sense of duty and with a desire to more extensive usefulness in the cause of his Master. We commend him as a brother beloved, of sound discretion, and Christian zeal, fine scholarship and rich ministerial gifts. And while with much regret we part with one who has gained our personal esteem and the respect of all the churches, we trust that the Lord of the harvest has work for him in fields of greater promise in which he may gather many sheaves to the glory of the Redeemer.

The council adjourned after prayer by Rev Mr Boggs

A. McLeod Moderator.

M. S. Howard. Scribe.

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Wm. H. Wood 3 Clerk

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April 11. 1869.

By vote of Church Miss Lydia A. Perry was dismissed and recommended to the Congregational Church in Bradford

Wm. H. Wood 3 Clerk

[illegible]

Aug. 25, 1870

By vote of the Church Jonn F. Kimball was [illegible] recommended to the Church with Andover under the care of Rev. B. F. Hamilton

Wm. H. Wood 2 Clerk

[illegible]

April 2nd 1871

By vote of the Church Mrs. Ellen E. Porter this wife was dismissed and recommended to the Cong. Church in South Andover under the care of Rev. B. F. Hamilton.

Wm. H. Wood 3 Clerk

Sept 2. 1872

Miss Olive Kimball was received to the
Church by letter from the South Church in Andover
Wm H. Woods Clerk.

Oct. 5. 1872

Miss Abbie G. Hollis was received to the
Church by letter from the Congl Church in Haver-
hill N. H.
W. H. Woods Clerk

Nov. 11. 1872

Mrs. [illegible] of the Church Mrs Olive Kimball
was dismissed and recommended to the Methodist
Church in Andover with [illegible]
Wm H. Woods Clerk

Sabbath Dec. 1. 1872

Mrs [illegible] of the Church Mrs [illegible]
was dismissed and recommended to the Methodist
Church in Andover by letter from Church
in [illegible]
Wm H. Woods Clerk.

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Mar. 8. 1873

[illegible] was dismissed and recommended to the Church in Wallingford Vt.

Wm H Hoyt [illegible]

At a meeting of the second church in Boxford held in the Vestry on Tuesday, March 25th 1873

Chose Rev Calvin E. Park } Moderator

Chose Dane Foster } Deacon to fill the vacancy occasioned by the Death of Dea. Joshua T. Dane

Voted, To make the choice of Dane Foster unanimous.

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Chose Daniel K. Gage, Rev Calvin E. Park, Dane Foster a committee to extend the call to Mr Bygrave in the Parish should unite with the church in giving a call to Mr Bygrave

Church and Society in West Boxford.

Dear Friends.

I thank you for the honor you have done me in giving me a call to settle with you as your Pastor.

After much prayer & deliberation on the matter, I regret to say I have come to the conclusion that I cannot accept the position. The calls are too numerous to mention, suffice it to say making West Boxford a permanent dwelling-place. This decision was not reached without much thought & prayer. In my future course & action among you will, I know regret to lose me, but at the same time I trust friendship will not cease.

in my power

I have prepared the Pulpit to

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At a meeting of the second Church in Boxford held at the house of Rev. E. E. Park Dec. 25. 1873

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Voted That we proceed to an informal ballot for a Minister, and resulted as follows Rev F. D. of Sargent 12. Mr Thurston 4 Mr Clarke of Dorchester 1.

Voted To proceed to a formal ballot for a Pastor

Voted Unanimously to give a call to Rev. F. D. Sargent of Brockton M. E. to become their Pastor

Voted That the Committee above chosen to extend the call to Rev. Mr Sargent be also a Committee to [illegible]

Daniel K. Gage
Rev. E. E. Park } Committee
Dane Foster

Wm H. Wood 2 Clerk

inviting me to become the pastor of the Church and kindly you appeal has been received and prayerfully considered.
In forming my decision I have been governed by a sense of duty and not personal ease or pecuniary profit.
I appreciate most heartily your generous [illegible] and the unanimity of sentiment expressed in the vote. But I feel that I must decline your invitation.
The Church here has recently met with a severe loss in the death of one of its deacons, a young man of fine abilities and [illegible] character, and the church is mourning this loss is deeply felt, and if it ever has needed my presence & effort it does now more than at any other time.
There are personal reasons which lead me to this decision, but perhaps it is not best to [illegible] them now. I thank you for the kind interest you have manifested toward me and hope that I may [illegible] your invitation.
[illegible] and pastor

and spiritual part in the prayer of your friend

F. L. Sargent

At a meeting of the Church in East Boxford held after Divine Worship Sabbath P.M. June 7, 1874
After choosing Rev. Calvin C. Park, Moderator, the church voted to adjourn this meeting till Wednesday June 10th at five o'clock P.M. in the vestry.

Wednesday June 10 Church met according to vote.

Voted Unanimously to extend a call to Rev. Theodore L. Day of Holyoke, Mass. to become their Pastor.

Voted that the committee chosen to extend the call to Mr Bygrave and Mr Sargent be the committee to extend to Mr Day

Daniel L. Gage
Rev. C. C. Park
Dana Foster
} committee

Wm H. Wood, Clerk

In answer to the call given by the Church to her, will say the following letter was received.

Plymouth aug. 12th 1834

To the Committee of the Church and Parish of West Boxford.

Dear Brethren

I wish to thank you for your courtesy in waiting so long for my answer to your call. —

I have greatly regretted the delay, but under the circumstances it seemed unavoidable.

I have found it no easy matter to come to a decision. It was with the hope that I might see my way clear to give an affirmative answer, that I have deferred my reply.

The unanimity of the call draws my heart to the people. The cordiality of those whose acquaintance I have made still further endeared me. The Pastorate of such a church as yours is a position extremely congenial to my feelings and tastes, regarding the min—

interest work. But after careful and prayerful consideration of the matter, and after consultation with those friends who could best assist us in coming to a wise decision, I am reluctantly constrained to decline your flattering and generous call.

It is almost with a feeling of regret and disappointment that I have come to this conclusion, but duly assume to reprove it, and my best and cherished plans must give way. I trust that the Lord will speedily send you a more suitable & acceptable than I could have been.

It will be with no common interest that I shall in the future hear of the progress of the Church at West Bedford.

Wishing you grace, mercy and peace,
I am very truly yours in the Gospel,

Thos. L. Day.

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At a meeting of the Church in the Second Parish in Bath held in the Vestry of the same in Bath R.H. Jan. 3. 1875

Chose Rev Calvin E. Park, Moderator

Voted To give a call to Rev Edward A. Huntress of Waltham to become their Pastor

Chose Daniel K. Gage, Rev Calvin E. Park. Dan Foster a committee to extend the call to Mr Huntress if the Parish should unite with the church in giving the call to Mr Huntress.

Wm H. Woodbury Clerk

Waltham 21st Jan. 75.

Rev. C. C. Park, Mr J. C. Gage and others.
Committee of Cong'l Church and Parish
of West Boxford.

Gentlemen.

Yours of the 11th inst.
informing me of a call to become Pastor
of the above church and society was duly
received.

In reply, I have only to say that it
seems very clearly to be the Lord's will
that such relation should not be;
I do, therefore, most respectfully decline.
Trusting that God will in his own good
time send you a worthy Pastor.

I am yours in the Gospel.

C. S. Huntress

April 11th 1875.

Rec'd of the Church Mrs. Sarah E. Williams was dismissed and recommended to the Hanover Street church in Manchester N. H.

Wm H. Wood 3 Clerk.

At a meeting of the second church in Boxford held in the vestry on Wednesday Evening June 16th 1875

Chos. Rev. Calvin E. Park 3 Moderator

Chose Isaac W. Andrew 3 Deacon

Voted To make the choice of I. W. Andrew unanimous

Voted To invite the Essex North Conference of Churches to meet in this place in October next.

Voted To dismiss the meeting.

Wm H. Wood 3 Clerk.

At a meting of the Church in East Boxford held after service Sunday P.M. Sept. 26. 1875

Chose. Rev Calvin E. Park Moderator

Voted To give a call to Rev. Mr Crumrine to become their Pastor

Voted That C. E. Park, Dane Foster & Isaac W. Andrew be the committee to extend the call to Rev. Mr Crumrine if the Parish should unite with the Church in giving him a call

Voted To choose a committee of three to make arrangements for the meeting of the Essex North Conference of Churches which meets in this place the 12th of October next

Chose Wm R Kimball
W. H. Wood
George W Chadwick } Committee of Arrangements

Voted That Rev C. E. Park be added to this Committee

Chose Dane Foster, John Day delegates to attend the meting of the Conference

Voted To dissolve the meeting

Wm H Wood, Clerk

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At a meeting of the Church in East Bradford held after Communion Service Sunday M. Nov. 14. 1875

Chose Rev. Calvin E. Park, Moderator

Voted To give a call to Rev. Wm. E. Dickinson to become their Pastor

Voted That Rev Calvin E. Park, Dana Foster and Isaac H. Andrew be the Committee to extend the call to Rev. Mr Dickinson if the Parish should unite with the Church in giving him a call.

Voted To dissolve the Meeting

Wm H. Wood, Clerk

At a meeting of the Church in Mt. Boxford held after Divine Service Sunday P.M. Feb 13. 1876.

Chose Rev. Calvin E. Park } Moderator

Voted To take an informal ballot, Yea and Nay in regard to giving Mr Yager a call to become their Pastor which resulted as follows

Whole number of ballots thirteen (13)

Yeas ten ---- 10

Nays three 3

Voted That this be adjourned to next Sunday P.M. after Service, and that notice of this meeting be given in the morning.

Sunday P.M. Feb 20th Church met according to vote.

Voted to give a call to Mr Yager to become their Pastor by a vote of nine yeas and five nays.

Voted That Rev. C.E. Park. Dane Foster and Isaac H. Andrew be the Committee to extend the call to Mr Yager if the Parish should unite with the church in giving him a call

Voted To dissolve the meeting

Wm H. Wood } Clerk

At a meeting of the Church in West Boxford held Sunday P.M. after service April 9th 1876

Chose Dea. Isaac W. Andrews, Moderator

Voted To take an informal ballot Yea and Nay in regard to giving a call to Rev. James McLane of South Weymouth to become their Pastor

Voted Unanimously to give a call to Rev. James McLane of South Weymouth to become their Pastor

Chose Charles Perley, Dea. Dane Foster, and Rev E. E. Park, a Committee to extend the call to Mr McLane if the Parish should unite with the Church in giving him a call.

Meeting dissolved

Wm H. Woods Clerk

call

In answer to the given by the Church to Mr. Gage, the following letter was received.

31 Temple St. Boston Mass
March 27. 1876

To the Congregational Church and Society at West Bo[illegible]ford Mass.

Dear Brethren.

I thank [illegible] you interest and mine I have carefully considered the call to become your Pastor sent me by mail under date of Feb. 25 th. Much as I would desire on many accounts to accept the urgent invitation to labor in your midst, all things considered I deem it best, and do hereby decline.

Permit me to thank you for the many courtesies and favors received at your hands and to earnestly hope and pray that the Lord in whom I believe your confidence has hith. to been placed may guide and keep, not a part, but all your people. In the young more even than in you who have had much experience, have I felt a growing interest. May all who have not already done so give their hearts to the savior.

Yours Fraternally.
Granville Gage.

April 2. 1876

By vote of the Church Mr Gardner G. Kimball was dismissed and recommended to the congregational Church in Bradford

Wm H. Wood 3 Clerk

June 11. 1876

By vote of the Church Mr Edwin Hubbard [illegible] recommended to the [illegible]

Wm H. Wood 3 Clerk

At a meeting of the Church in West Boxford held at the Vestry on Thursday July 27. 1876

Voted To take a collection for some benevolent object to be taken up next Month.

Voted To hold a prayer meeting weekly, commencing the first week in August.

Wm H. Wood 3 Clerk

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At a meeting of the Church in West Bedford held at the Vestry on Saturday Oct. 2. 1852

On vote of the Church, Mr Orrin P. Killam was received to this Church by letter from the First Church in Bedford.

Voted That Rev. James McLean and Mrs Mary F. McLean be received to this church by letter from the Union Congl Church in South Weymouth.

Voted That the following persons having been examined and propounded be received to the church on profession of their faith at the next communion.

William P. Park, Albert D. Foster
Marion E. Andrew, Ada E. Andrew,
Rachel Peabody, Anne Perley,
Lucy Adams.

The following persons received the rite of baptism

Mercy H. Tyler, Sarah P. Foster
Horace K. Foster, Benjamin Peabody,
Thomas J. Mansfield, Mary A. Harvey
Sally Clement, Sarah L. Foster
Clara T. Chadwick, Josephine Chadwick

Sarah P. Whitier. Sarah J Wood.
Anne H. Foster, Catherine C. Killam
Catherine A. Killam. George B. Chadwick

Sept. 3. The above named persons having assented to the articles of faith were received into fellowship with the Church

Wm H. Wood Clerk

West Boxford Nov. 4, 1876

At a meeting of the church in West Boxford held in the Vestry at the usual place it was voted that Mrs Elvira J Pearl and Daniel Lewis Adams having been examined and propounded be received to the church on profession of their faith at the next communion.

West Boxford Nov. 5, 1876

Mrs Elvira J. Pearl and D. Lewis Adams made a profession of their faith and were admitted to the church. Mr Adams was baptized

West Boxford Jan. 6. 1877

At a meeting of the Church in West Boxford held in the Vestry at the conference recess.

Voted: That Enoch Wood Esq. Mrs. Mehitable T. Wood, Miss Rebecca T. Wood, Mrs Sarah E. Hovey, & Miss R. Eunice Peabl having been examined and recommended be received to the Church on profession of their faith at the next communion.

West Boxford Jan. 14. 1877

Enoch Wood Esq. Mrs Mehitable T. Wood, and Miss Rebecca T. Wood, Mrs Sarah E. Hovey, and Miss R Eunice Peabl made a profession of their faith and were admitted to the Church. Mrs Sarah E. Hovey Mrs. Mehitable T. Wood and Miss Rebecca T. Wood were baptized.

Contributions 1879

Jan 14	To pay Parish Debt	
Feb 4		
Mar 4	For Superannuated Ministers	$4.98
April 1	To pay Parish Debt	

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A record of the minutes of the Council that was called to install Rev. James McLean as Pastor of this Church

In pursuance of letters missive a Council assembled in the Meeting-house of the Congregational Church in West Boxford on Wednesday Feb. 25, 1874 at 9.45. A.M. to examine and if deemed best to install Rev. James McLean as Pastor of said Church. The Council was called to order by Rev. J. D. Kingsbury of Bradford, Rev Dr R. H. Seelye of Haverhill was chosen Moderator and Rev Rufus E. Hagar, of North Andover Scribe. The council consisted of the following persons.

Rev. J. D. Kingsbury, Pas. } 1st Church
Albert Kimball, Del. } Bradford

Rev George E. Freeman, Pas } 1st Cong. Ch. Abington

Rev. E. E. Park. } Cong. Ch. West Boxford

Rev. J. C. Paine, Pas. } Cong. Church
Bro. Thos. H. Balch, Del. } Groveland

Rev. R. H. Seeley, D.D. Pas. } North Church
Bro. J. M. Nichols, Del } Haverhill

Rev. A. F. Marsh. Pas. } 1st Cong. Church
Bro. Walter S. Tidd Del. } Georgetown

Rev. Wm H. Coggin } Boxford

Rev I. T. Marsh, Pas } Memorial Church
Bro. L. P. Palmer. Del. } Georgetown

Rev. E. I. Gammell, Pas } 1st Cong. Church
Dea J. K. Cole, Del } Boxford

Rev. David Brennes, Pas, } Cong. Church North
Dea Joseph Kimball, Del } Haverhill and Groton

Rev. Rufus E. Flagg, Pas } Trinitarian Church
Dea J. F. Kimball Del. } North Andover

Rev I. I. Fiske, Pas. } Bellevue Church
Bro Parsons Ordway Del } Newburyport

The Records of the church and Parish relating to the calling of the Rev. James McLean were then read and approved. The council voted to proceed to the examination of the Pastor elect, which examination being concluded, he gave

an account of his Christian experience. Voted That the Council now withdraw. Voted That the examination is satisfactory and that the council proceed to the assignment of part for the installation. A committee was appointed to confer with the Pastor in relation to installation services. The committee reported as follows,

Invocation	Rev Wm S. Coggin
Reading the Scriptures	" R. C. Flagg
Introductory Prayer	" I. I. Fiske D.D.
Sermon	" Geo. E. Freeman
Installing Prayer	" C. C. Park
Right hand	" S. D. Gammell
Charge to the Pastor	" D. Bremner
Address to the People	" J. D. Kingsbury
Concluding Prayer	" A. H. Marsh
Benediction by the Pastor	" J. McLeod

Voted To take a recess until 2 O'clock, and to adjourn after the installation services.

R. H. Seeley, Moderator
Pastor North Ch. Haverhill
Rufus C. Flagg, Scribe

March 3. 1877.

Mrs Charlotte Hardy was received to this Church by letter from the Christian Congregational Church in North Andover.

Wm F Hardy Clerk

May 5th 1877. Ephriam S. Cole was received into this Church by profession and this faith in Christ.

James McLean Clerk

May 5th The pastor was unanimously elected clerk of the Church.

" Voted that Wm R. Kimball and Gen Byron Edgerly represent our Church at the Epworth Conference to be held with the Second Church in Portsmouth Tuesday & Wednesday 8th & 9th.

At the Preparatory Lecture June 20th, it was voted that the Pastor, Rev. E. E. Park & Dea. Jane Chester be a Committee to consider the question of Mr. Rowe's Ordination & if deemed expedient to make the necessary arrangements for the same

James McLean Clerk

West Boxford Nov 3rd. At the close of the Preparatory Lecture the Pastor Rev. E. E. Park reported that after a somewhat careful examination of the question of Mr. Samuel Rowe's Ordination they could not advise the Church to proceed with the Ordination. Report was accepted and adopted by a small vote.

James McLean Clerk

West Bedford Nov. 12th 1877

At a Special Meeting of the Church called at the request of Bro. J. Rowe & others it was unanimously voted to reconsider the vote of 3d inst adopting the report unfavorable to the application of Bro Rowe. After a prolonged & candid discussion of the subject it was unanimously voted that the vote be adjourned to meet on Monday evening the 19th inst. at 7½ o'clock

James McLean Clerk

West Bedford Nov 19th 1877. The meeting adjourned from last Monday evening was called to order by the Pastor & opened by prayer. After reading the minutes of the previous meeting & the letters from the Church were appointed to read the letters from the subject had been carefully talked over the following Voted passed as the result of discussion that the Church request Bro Rowe to offer an

At the preparatory Lecture it was voted that Mrs Abigail S. Wood be received into this Church upon assenting to the articles of faith.
Voted 13 yeas and 1 nay Jan 8th 1878.
James McLean Clerk.

Voted that a letter be granted to J. J. Bronsfield

At a Special meeting of the Church held at the close of Service Sab. Feb 3rd it was voted that the Church accede to Mr Rowe's request to be set from ordination. The following Committee appointed to carry out the vote of the Church.
Wm R. Kimball.
Dea Dana Foster
Mr Wood.

Isaac W Andrew was appointed Collector to present this request and council to be held on the ordination of Mr Rowe.
James McLean Clerk.

The council called by letter of dismission from the Evgl. Church W. Bofford to consider the ordination of Wm Sumner Rowe (a deacon of Shute, as an Evangelist, met in the Church at West Bofford Feb 20th 1878. The Council was organized by the choice of Rev. J. D. Kingsbury as Moderator and Rev. S. D. Gammell as Scribe.

A list of Churches represented was handed out as follows.

First Ch. Bradford Rev. J. D. Kingsbury Pastor
" " " Albert Kimball Del.
Church in W. Bofford Rev. J. McLean Pastor
" " " Deacon Wingren del.
First Ch. Bofford Rev. S. D. Gammell Pastor
" " " Deac. S. Bixby del.
" " Georgetown Rev. L. Jewett Del.
Rev. C. S. Butler & Rev Chas. H. Dunning were also members of the council.

The action of the Ch. in recommending Wm Rowe to ordination was read by the clerk of the Ch. and the vote of the Essex North Association

To Give Mr Rowe Liberty to preach
was presented by Rev J McLean
He for two years of time that he
is a Member of the Church SSB.
These Statements being satisfactory
to the Council it was
Ordered and Resolved a
Copy and Complete written State-
ment of the Candidate for
Ordination giving his belief and
Reasons therefore. Also a Statement
an account of his Christian
experience.

After a few Practical
questions the Council voted to
Sit by themselves

It was moved that the ex-
amination was satisfactory, and that the
Council proceed to arrange for the
Services of Ordination. This was passed
by unanimous Vote.
Voted to appoint Rev Messrs McLean
and Butler a Com. with the Candi-
date to make out an order of Services
&c. The Com. reported a few changes
in the Minister's order which report was accepted.

The Programme as Amended was as follows

Voluntary – Gloria in Excelsis.
Invocation. Rev. Chas. H. Dunning
Reading Scripture & introductory prayer by
Rev. C. S. Butler.
Sermon by Rev. James McLean
Hymn
Ordaining Prayer – Rev. J. D. Kingston.
Charge to the Evangelist Rev. A. D. Gammell
Original Hymn by Mrs. Cole.
Right Hand of Fellowship Rev. G. H. Ide.
Concluding prayer Rev. W. S. Coggin
Benediction by the Evangelist. Original
Congregation by the Rev. J. McLean

Voted to adjourn Sine Die after the
conclusion of services.

S. D. Gammell Secretary
J. D. Kingston Moderator.

At the Preparatory Lecture held March 2nd 1878. Voted that Mrs Betsy G. Davis and her son Edmund Davis be received into membership in this Church by letter from the Elliot Corgl. Ch. Lawrence on their entering into Covenant with the Church. Also Voted that the goodaughter Mrs Adams be admitted to membership in this Church without being formally examined or propounded in view of the great loss they have sustained by the death of Deacon Enoch Lawrence but leaving the case in the hands of the Church.

Yours Truly D. M. Le Clerk.

Sat. March 30th Mr Edmund Davis having entered into Covenant with the Church was received into membership. Mrs Abigail Thorp was received on profession of faith.

Rev James McLean the Clerk of the Church having failed to record votes passed up to the time when he declined to continue any longer as Clerk and the subscriber was chosen in his stead - I feel it my duty to preserve the Church records doings of Church Meetings held previous to my taking the office

D. W. Andrews

Rev James McLean having tendered his resignation as pastor a meeting of the Church was held at their Vestry and the following action was taken -

At a meeting of the Church in West Boxford held in the Vestry on Monday April 8th 1878 at 7½ o'clock P.M. to take action upon their Pastor's letter of resignation which was read from the pulpit March 31st the following votes were passed

1st Voted Wm R. Kimball Moderator.
2nd " D. W. Andrews Secretary.
3rd Prayer was offered by Rev Dana Foster -
4th Voted to take an informal ballot upon the question of accepting or

accepting the resignation. Those in favor of accepting it to vote yes
Those opposed, to vote no,
Result 22 voted yes. 9 voted no.

5th Voted to take a formal ballot in the same way.
Result 22 voted yes. 9 voted no.

6th Voted that the Pastoral connection between Rev Mc Leon & the Church be dissolved on the first of June.
13 voted in favor of this &
3 " Against it

7th Voted to choose a committee of three to carry into effect this vote.

8th Voted to choose this committee by nomination
Chose Dana Foster. J. W. Andrew. Wm R. Kimball

9th Voted to reconsider so much of the former vote where it was voted that

The Pastoral connection be dissolved by the
1st of June and a substitute instead
One or before the 1st of October at the
option of the Church

10th Voted that the committee act with the
Parish in carrying out their wishes

11th Voted to dissolve the meeting

West-Boxford April 9th 1878

D. W. Andrews Sect,

At the regular Communion Services held in the Church the 1st Sunday in May May 5th 1878 Rev Wm S Coggins officiating Mr Nathan Kimball Fowler and his wife Hannah Dustin Fowler were admitted to the Church. The former on profession of faith and was baptized. The last named on profession of faith. Miss Margaret Augusta Adams was also admitted upon profession of faith. Mrs Abba J. Davis communed with the Church as a member being recd by Letter and voted in some time previous. Recd from Church in Lawrence

West Bradford May 5th 1878

At a meeting of the Committee chosen by the Church to make arrangements for the dismissal of Mr McLean. held at the house of Wm N Kimball. Mr McLean the former clerk. notified me verbal that I was chosen in his stead. As he has furnished me with no Minutes of doings at meetings which have been held at different Time for weeks past. I can not record their

West Bradford May 6th 1878 D W Andrew

At a Church Meeting held in the Church
May 12th 1878. after the afternoon Services
George W Chadwick Chosen Moderator
Voted to send delegates to the
Coming Conference -
Voted to nominate them from the floor.
Chose Wm R. Kimball & George W Chadwick

Voted to Choose delegates to the Council
soon to meet to take into consideration
the resignation of Mr McLean,
Chose the two Deacons -

West Roxbury May 12th 1878

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The following is a Copy of the minutes of the Council called to take into consideration the resignation of Rev Mr McLean.

At a regularly called Council held in the Congregational Church in West Boylston May 17th 1878 of which the Rev Wm S Coggin was Moderator and L D. Marsh Scribe the following result was adopted concerning the resignation of the pastor Rev James McLean.

The Council after considering the questions in the various hearings have come unanimously to the conclusion that under existing circumstances it is expedient and best for both parties that the connection between them should be dissolved, and that this dissolution take place from the 1st of July next.

In coming to this conclusion the Council would take occasion to express their regret that a relation which commenced so favorably, promised so much and has resulted in several important accessions to the Church, should so soon terminate.

They would also express their sympathy for
[illegible] parties in this time of trial praying that
they may be directed in the path of duty
by that Wisdom which comes from above
and is profitable to direct - that he whom
they would recommend as a sound and
able acceptable preacher may soon find
another field of Labor, and that they, guided
by the great Head of the Church may soon
unite [illegible] choice of one whose ministry
may be long happy and most successful.

A true Copy
D. D. Marsh Scribe

West Boxford May 17th 1874

At a meeting of the Church held in their usual
place of worship Sunday May 24th 1874 after the
close of their usual Sabbath services.

Rev Wm S. Coggin Chairman

Voted to grant Letters of dismission from
this Church to Rev James McLean and
his wife Mary McLean - and Letters of
recommendation to the Church in
Hainvich Mass

It was also voted that all the votes passed at the last Preparatory Lecture - except that of mode of clerk be null and void

West Bedford May 26th 1878

D W. Andrew } Clerk

At a meeting of the Church held on Sunday afternoon June 2nd 1878. After the usual services of the day. Mr McLean presiding it was voted to accept the report of the Council called to act on the dismissal of Mr McLean.

West Bedford June 2nd 1878

D W. Andrew Clerk

The following list of names of those who met in Council for the dismissal of Mr McLean was not furnished me until sometime since the last Church meeting. which accounts for its not being inserted where it more properly belongs.

Church in Bayford Rev J. D. Sammon
" " Bradford " J. D. Kingsbury
" " Haverhill Center Henry E. Barnes
" " " North R. H. Seeley D.D.
North Haverhill Rev David Brimmer
" Byfield Rev J. H. Childs
" Groveland " D. D. Marsh
Also Rev W. L. Cozzin Bayford
Rev J. C. Perin Groveland
Am sorry I cannot give you the names of the delegates that came with these parties
(Signed) James Kingsbury D.D. Marsh

C. W. Andrews. Clerk

Mr McLean continued to supply the pulpit, preaching himself most of the time, until the first of July. He remained in the Parsonage until near the middle of October when he left for Gloucester Mass.

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March 6th At a meeting of the Church held after Divine Services in the aft. called to order by the Clerk it was voted to send five delegates to the Essex North Conference to be held at West Congregational Church Haverhill

At a meeting of the Church held in the Parlor
on Monday Eve Oct 14th 1878. Wm and Andrew Clerk,
The following action was taken
Chose Rev Calvin E Park Moderator.
Prayer offered by Rev C. E Park.
Voted by ballot yeas & nays to Rev Martin L
Hubbard of Rocky Point L.I. a call to become
Pastor of this Church & Society.
Twenty ballots were given in favor
of calling Mr Hubbard. One against
and one blank.
Voted to choose a committee of arrangements to
carry the vote of the Church into effect.
Chose Dea W. W. Andrew
" " Dana Hurlbut
" Br. Charles Potter.

West Bayport Oct 14th 1878
W W Andrew - Clerk

At a Meeting of the Committee of the Church
Meeting held Oct 24th to carry into effect the vote passed
by the Church voted to extend a call to Rev Charles
L. Hubbard. Held at the house of A. M. H
Kimball on Monday eve Oct 24th in connection
with the Parish Committee. A letter was prepared
and forwarded to C L Hubbard giving him a
statement of the votes passed both at our Church
and our Parish meetings calling him to become
our Pastor.

West Bridgford Oct 24th 1878

A M Andrews. Clerk

The Letter sent Rev Moses L Hubbard on
Oct 22d 1878 inviting to become our Pastor
brought the following reply.

To the Congregational Church in West Boylston
Mass

Brethren,

The invitation which you have extended
to me to become your Pastor has been received.
aware of the weighty responsibilities of the position to
which you have called me and of the importance of a
right decision. I have thought over prayerfully
considered your call, and believing that it is the
indication that I should labor with you I hereby
accept it. Deeply conscious of my weakness and
need of aid I shall enter upon the grave duties of this
new connection trusting that I may have your
prayers and cordial cooperation and relying upon
our Common Lord for guidance & strength

I am yours in Christian Love

Moses C. Hubbard

Committee
Dana Foster
Charles Perley

Rev Moses C. Hubbard
Cong[l] Church
West Boylston Mass

Nov 13th 1878

Rev. Charles L Hubbard having accepted the call came and was ordained to the pastoral office, Thurs Dec 4th

Arrangements having been made and letters missive sent out to several of the neighboring churches. A Council met on Wednesday January 15th 1879. at 10 Oclock A.M. (at the Church) to Install Rev Chas L Hubbard as Pastor of the Congregational Church in West Boxford

Pursuant to letters missive from the Congregational Church in West Boxford an ecclesiastical Council convened in the West Boxford Church at 10 oclock A.M. Jan. 15th 1879 to examine Rev Chas L Hubbard and if "judged expedient" to assist in installing him as Pastor.

The following Chhs were represented

1st Cong.l Church Brad[illegible], Rev G. D. Kingsbury Pastor
Bro H. E Chadwick

1st Cong.l Church Boxford, Rev L. D. Gammell Pastor
Bro Wm W. Howe

[illegible] Church Haverhill Rev H. S. Barnes Pastor
Bro. D B. Cluff.

Central Church Lawrence Rev Geo. T. Dole, Pastor
Bro Wallace Abbot
Memorial Church Georgetown Rev J. D. Marsh Pastor
" W. M. Gay
1st Cong'l Church No Andover Rev George Pierce Pastor
Deac John Kimball
No Parish Church Haverhill Rev Daniel Bliss Pastor
West Boxford Rev Calvin E. Park.
Rev E. P. Selden Moderator,

The letter missive was read & Council organized by the choice of Rev Calvin E Park, for Moderator & Rev Henry E. Barnes Scribe.

The clerks of Church & Society respectively read the records of proceedings in calling Rev Mr Hubbard and his letter of acceptance, and the pastor elect presented the papers of the Council recommending his dismission from the pastorate of the ~~last~~ Church last served by him and a letter of dismission from the membership of that Church

On motion. Council voted that these papers be considered satisfactory.

Council then proceeded to examine the pastor elect as to his theological views religious experience and motives in entering

The minister - after which Council was to be by itself. It was at once moved when Council was by itself. That the examination be considered satisfactory.

The motion was carried unanimously & without discussion.

The motion a Com^t. was appointed for the assignment of parts for the installation services. The Com^t. consulting the pastor elect reported as follows

Reading the minutes by the Scribe.
Invocation by Rev Wm M. Gay.
Reading of Scriptures by Rev H. E. Barnes.
Prayer by " Rev C. E. Park.
Sermon " Rev E G. Selden.
Installing Prayer Rev J. D. Kingsbury.
Charge to Pastor Rev Geo. H Ide.
Right Hand of Fellowship Rev D. D. Marsh.
Address to the people Rev David Brinsmer
Concluding Prayer Rev H. E. Barnes.
Benediction By the Pastor

After the minutes were read and approved, Council took recess till 2 o'clock for the

exercises of the Installation, at the close of which Council was dissolved,

(Signed) Calvin E Park Moderator
Henry E Barnes Scribe

* In the necessary absence of Mr Barnes Rev J. C. Paine of Groveland occupies his place.

The original hymn, composed by a member of the Church was sung at the Installation services.

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Money Collected in 1878 as per Voucher.

Mass. Home Missionary Society $ 7.41

Am. Missionary Association $ 5.06

Mass. Bible Society $ 3.17

Extracts from Church Records

The following letter was received from Clerk of Church in Groveland.

Groveland May 5th 1879

This is to certify that Rev James McLean and Miss Mary McLean were this day admitted to the Congregational Church in Groveland by letter of recommendation from the 2nd Church of Christ in Bradford

Attest

William B Ladd

Church Clerk.

Money collected by contributions in this year 1879 as follows. Date of donations being given below.

March	11th	Mass Home Missionary Soc'y	$19.43
April	11th	Am'n B. C. F. M. Missions	12.27
May	5th	The Am'n Miss'y Association	12.02
June	6th	Am'n College & Education Soc'y	5.39
August	5th	Am'n Seamen's Friend Soc'y	7.43
Sept	9th	Mass. Home Missionary Soc'y	12.95
Dec	12th	" " " "	5.52

Also in Mar. Cent

At the regular preparatory lecture held in the vestry of the Church on Thursday eve July 3rd at 7 3/4 1880 Oclock Rev C L Hubbard presiding. Miss Hulda Kimball Randall having passed a satisfactory examination it was voted to admit her to the membership of this Church on profession of faith

Also voted to choose a committee of three viz. the pastor & two others to frame a collection of simple rules to govern the admission of members to the Church &c.

Chose with the pastor
Rev Calvin E Park,
Dea D. W. Andrew,

The following Sabbath at the regular communion services, Miss Hulda Kimball Randall professed her faith in Christ assented to the articles was baptized & admitted to the Church

D. W. Andrew, Clerk

1880

Money collected by contribution in the Church during the year 1880. as follows

Jan.	For American Board C. F. M.	$12,23
Feb	" " Tract Society	6,90
April	" Am Miss. Association	6,05
June	Am. College & Education Society	4 56
July	Mass. S. S. Convention	66
"	" Home Miss. Society	11,20
Sept	A. B. C. F. M.	8,48
Oct	Am. Miss. Association	6,35
Nov	" College & Education Society	5,57
"	City Missionary for the poor	4,25

1881

Money collected by contributions in the church during the year 1881 as follows

March,	A. B. C. F. M	$11,97
"	New West Education Society	11,46
April.	Am. Miss. Association	9.55
"	Conference Assessment	4,00
May.	Am. Tract Society	7.50
June.	Mission Chapel. Williams Corner	18,25
July.	Am. Seamans Friend Society	5,95
Aug.	A. B. C. F. M	6,85
Sept.	Mass Home Miss Society	12,00
Oct.	" " " "	10.00
Nov	Am. College & Ed Society	7,00
Dec	Mass Home Miss "	7.00

1882

At the regular communion the 1st Sunday in March 1882 the following persons were received into the Church upon profession of their faith. Mr George Edmund Davis
Mr & Mrs Alonzo Jeremiah Hendey
Mr Joseph Carlton, Albert Edward Hendey
Mrs Milon S. Jenkins.

At the regular communion the 1st Sunday in May 1882. Mrs E. Myra Pearl was received into this church by letter & recommendation from 1st church in Braintree Mass. formerly Celara Dike

1882. 101

Moneys Collected in the Church & Congregation during the year 1882 as per Directions

March	American B. C. F. M.	$11.08
"	Mass Home Miss'y Society	15.00
"	American Bible Society	3.5.
July	American B. C. F. M.	$9.79
"	" College & Education Society for	11.64
"	Doane College	
Aug	Am'n Seamans Friend Society	$4.2
Sept	Mass. Home Missionary Society	15.46
Oct	American " Association	10.10
Nov	" College & Education Society	7.98
Dec	Mass Home Missionary "	6.75

1883.

Money collected in Church by contribution during the year 1883 as per Auditors

Jan.	A. B. C. F. M.	$ 5,34
Feb.	Am. Missy Association	$ 6 00
March.	Mass. Home Missionary Society	$ 10,76
April.	Am. Tract Society	$ 7.43
May.	Mass Home Missionary Society	7.06
June.	Am. Seamans Friend Society	7.38
July.	" Missionary Society	
Aug.	A. B. C. F. M.	
Sept.	Am. Home Missionary Soc.	
Oct.	American Miss Association	$ 11. 00
Nov.		
Dec.	Mass. Home Miss. Society	$ 8,00

1884.

Money collected in Church by contribution during the year 1884, as per Vouchers

Jan.		
Feb.	Am. Home Miss. Association	$11.39
March.		
April.	Am. Tract Society	$ 8.00
May.	Am. Miss'y Association	$ 9.19
June.	Am. Home Miss'y Society	$17.25
July.	Am. Colleges & Edu	$ 8.00
Aug.	A. B. C. F. M.	$17.00
Sept.	Mass Home Miss.	$16.60
Oct.	Am. Seaman's Friend	$ 8.91
Nov.	" Missionary Association	$ 9.50
Dec.	Mass Home Miss'y Society	$ 3.00

Church Discipline

At a meeting of the Church convened after the close of the morning services Feb 25, 1883 the Pastor - Rev C. L. Hubbard read the following communication.

To The members of the Cong.l Church in West Bickford Mass. Notice is hereby given that the 1st & 2nd Steps laid down by our Lord in Matthew 18 - 15th to 18th have been taken by two of the Brethren - Isaac W. Andrew & George L Davis with Bro Wm R Hubbard with reference to his general reputation as regards his relations with women. and also with reference to certain statements of his respecting the purity & authority of the Church in West Bickford and now in accordance with the command above alluded to - they ask the Church to give them a hearing with reference to the charges.

Isaac W Andrew } Clerk

The Church voted To call up and act upon the matter at their next meeting for the Preparatory Lecture - the next Thursday eve March 1st 1883 at 7½ Oclock. Meeting dismissed

Feb 25th 1883 Isaac W Andrew } Clerk

At a meeting of the Church held in their Vestry Thursday Morning Jan 1883 at 7½ o'clock A.M. Rev C. L. Hubbard (Pastor) in the Chair. The Chairman read a letter from the Clerk of the Fort Street Church Honolulu dated Dec 20 1882 dismissing Miss Olivia Byrne at her own request from that church and recommending her to the Cong[l] Church in West Boylston Mass.

Voted to admit Miss Olivia Byrne to this Church

The communication which was read to the church last Sunday was then read and the following action taken upon it.

Bro Wm R Kimball who duly notified by the Clerk did not appear at the meeting.

The Chairman then called on the bros who had had an interview with bro Kimball in the matter for their report when brother Isaac W Andrews read the following.

"Brethren & Sisters of the Church.

Whereas complaints having been made against bro Wm R Kimball that he was not walking according to his Covenant vows - Bro Hosler being ill and unable to be present - I called

on Bro Kimball and laid the charges plainly before him. viz his general reputation for the almost unbridled use of his tongue - particularly in regard to woman. And he also having dishonored the Church to which he belongs.
Bro Kimball acknowledged his guilt. retracted all he had said derogatory to the Church & expressed deep sorrow that he had said what he had against it & that it never should have been said. He acknowledged that his life & conduct & conversation had been such as to bring scandal & reproach upon the Church & the christian name
He expressed himself deeply penitent for all & begged the forgiveness of the Church. and promised by the help of God. for the future so to walk as to give no further cause of complaint.
Subsequently Bro George E Davis consented to write merely have an interview with Mr Kimball upon the matter of a certain letter which we believed had been rec'd by him & which pointed too plainly to an undue familiarity with a certain woman. Mr Kimball acknowledged our charges & with deep penitence & contrition cast himself upon our mercy. Expressing gratitude to Bro Davis for his valuable assistance in this to both of us

most painful case.

Hands in Christian Fellowship

J W Andrew } Bros Davis

Question being asked Bros Davis & Andrew if Mr Kimball fully acknowledged to them of his criminal intimacy with the aforesaid woman. Reply was made that Mr Kimball did acknowledge criminal intimacy with her. And that he had made a written confession which is given below. (Mr Davis having left this paper at his residence it could not be read at this meeting - only the substance given - but it was read to the Church the following Sunday.)

Mr Kimball's confession being accepted the following action was then taken.

Voted - That Bro Wm R Kimball be suspended from this Church for two years. This vote was unanimous - None voting in the negative.

Voted that Bros. Calvin E Park - George E Davis & J W Andrew be a committee to draft & present resolutions to present to

The Church at some future meeting express
ing the feelings of the Church upon the
case just acted upon.

Voted - That the Pastor - Revs C L Hubbard &
Bro Charles Perley be a committee to
wait on Bro Wm R Kimball & give him
such counsel & advice as they may deem
best for his welfare & that of the Church.

Voted To postpone the Sacrament of the Lords
Supper to April 1st 1883.

After prayer & benediction by the Pastor the
meeting dissolved

The following is a copy of Bro Wm R Kimballs
confession which was read to the Church on
the next Sunday. (This confession is the one which
should have been read at the Church meeting of
March 1st 1883. but Brother George E Davis had
it put it at home)

To the Congregational Church in
West Boxford Mass,
Brethren & Sisters of the Church

It is with sincere penitence & humility that I hereby acknowledge and confess that my life & conduct instead of having been in accordance with my Church vows has been such as to bring scandal & reproach not only upon the Church, but upon the Christian name. I am guilty of the things my brethren D. W. Andrews & S. E. Davis have brought against me. I offer no excuse for my many sins, but cast myself upon your mercy, begging your pardon & forgiveness and engaging that by the help of Him who has promised to hear the cry of the penitent, I will henceforth strive to live as becomes the Gospel of Christ & to adorn the doctrine of the Saviour by a well ordered life & conversation.

West Boxford Mass Feb. 25th 1883. (Signed.)
William R Kimball.

D. W. Andrews } Clerk

1885

Money Collected in Church by Contribution

Jan.		
Feb.	Mass Home Missionary Society	$ 8.29
Mar	Am. Missionary Association	6.20
April	" " Dept	5.91
May	Mass Home Missionary Society	5.72
June	American " " " Church Gas	2.88
		8.71
July	New West	3.62
Aug	A. B. C. F. M.	9.49
Sept	Am. Miss Society	15.00
Oct	Mass Home Miss Society	14.52
Nov	Samuel Rowe (Deaf mute)	6.18
Dec	American Miss Association	8.35

1885

At a Church Meeting March 1885
Miss Olivia Byrne was at her own request
dismissed from this Church and recommended
to the Union Church Boston Mass.

Copy of letter recd from Union Church.

This certifies that Miss Olivia Byrnes
presenting a letter of recommendation from
the Congregational Church, West Boxford Mass
dated March 16th 1885, was admitted to membership
in the Union Church Boston.

May 3rd 1885
Attest
F. M. Tyler Clerk.

Boston Mass May 4th 1885.

Received

Sept 3rd Mrs Stephen Cutler Clark was admitted to the Church, by letter from 1st Congregational Church Newbury Mass Also Mrs Grace Miller Clark, by letter of recommendation from the First Congregational Church in Malden Mass

Dismissed

Henry F. Bruce, was at his own request dismissed from this Church, & recommended to the First Congregational Church Cambridge Mass.

Received

Dec Mrs Abbie G Whittier was rec'd into the Church by letter from the Second Methodist Episcopal Church in Dover District New Hampshire Conference.

Children Baptized

1886 Feb 1-5

Ada May, daughter of Albert D. & Sarah L. Foster (Davis)

Nov 4th 1886

The Church most appreciably [illegible] given us [illegible]
[illegible] For the [illegible] of the Church [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Dec 19th 1886 The motion was [illegible]
[illegible] to arrange the exercises for the occasion. The motion was
carried - Moved that the services connected with the
rededication of the Church be held at the same time
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

C E Park
Clerk Board Trus

On the 19th of Dec 1886 the Union which had been
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Church & the above named meeting adjourned.
History of the Church by Rev Calvin E Park
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

1886.

Money contributed in Denver this year

Jan		
Feb	A. B. C. F. M.	$ 8 25
March	Mass Home Missionary	$ 11. 03
April or March	Am. Miss Association	$ 8.34
April	Tract Society	$ 7.66
May	Mass Home Missionary Society	$ 14.00
June.		
July,	Mass Home Missionary	
Aug,	A. B. C. F. M.	$
Sept.	Am. College & Education Society	$ 4.34
Oct,	Mass Home Miss'y Society	$ 14
Nov.	" " "	$ 10.
Dec.	Am. College & Education Society	
	Church Dec	$ 5.14

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1886

April 18th Mr Albert J. Bradley was this day dismissed from this Church at his own request, and recommended to the South Congregational Church, Lawrence Mass.

April [illegible] Mrs [illegible] was at her own request dismissed from this church and recommended to the Central Congregational Church, Haverhill Mass.

1887 Dismissed

Rev [illegible] Ross

Mrs [illegible] Ross

Mrs Isaac Myatt at their own request & [illegible]
& were rec[d] to that Church May 1st 1887 as per letter

[illegible] Tillson & Miss Ella, Church Haverhill
Mass & rec[d] to this Church March 6th 1887 as per letter

[illegible] & Miss [illegible] & Mrs [illegible]
Letters from them

Children Baptized

At the Communion Service held in the Church May 1st 1887. Rev C. L. Hopkins the Rector Baptizing the following named Children and Infants

Mary Abba. Daughter of Nathaniel & Marion E (Andrews) Page.

Grace Evelethe Daughter of Stephen Cutler & Grace M (Greene) Clarke.

Henry Lee Son of Wm R & Eliza (Richardson) Cole.

A beautiful day & the occasion was one of much interest

1887 At a meeting of the Congregational Church at West Roxbury held in the Library Building on Monday March 7th 1887, in the absence of the Clerk Mr H Wood was chosen Clerk for the

Voted that the members of this church receive with pleasure the resolutions of respect & the Pulpit Temple presented to the church by Mrs Dr Hall - Mrs John P Lee & daughters of the late Phineas P Tyler as a memorial of their beloved Father, and that the Treasurer thereof be instructed to have Tablets in their respective appropriate and proper positions and that the vote be entered upon the church Record.

Voted that all meetings of the Church in future of a Parish, one of the Deacons shall preside at the same.

Voted That the Clerk be instructed to make out a list alphabetically of persons elected to attend Conferences as delegates

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1887 By invitation the Essex North Conference
met with this Church on Wednesday, May 11th
1887. The day was fine & the attendance large &
the appearance to enjoy the occasion. Some 300 or more
dined in the vestry & the beautiful supply of food
provided by the ~~Ladies~~ members of the Church and
Parish for the occasion

1848. Money Collected in Church by Contribution

Jan	Mass Home Miss Society	$ 13 05
Feb	A B C F M.	$ 4 55
March	Am. Miss Association [illegible]	$ 5,43
April	College [illegible]	$ 3,00
May	Am. Tract Society [illegible]	$ 6 66
June	Mass Home Missionary Society	$ 12 [illegible]
July	Am Miss Association	$ 8,00
Aug	A. B. C F M.	$ 10.00
Sept	Miss Home Missionary Society	$ 10 36
Oct	" " " "	$ 8.72
Nov	American Col[n] Union	$ 4 59
Dec		

Also Church Tax in May $2.84

1883 Money collected in Church by Contributions

Jan	A B C F M	$ 7.02
~~Sept~~	" " "	~~12,50~~
March	A. M. A.	11,05
Oct.	Mass Home Miss.	6,85
Feb.	Yankton Coll	32,00
April.	Mass Home Miss Soc	12,20
May	Bible Society	9,25
June	Tract Society	7 19
July	Am Mr. Assoc	8,35
	Freed Sir Fund	2,45
	S.S. & Pub. Soc,	3,75
Sept	A.B.C.F.M.	12,52
Nov,	A. M. A.	9,00
Dec.	Mass H. Miss Soc	7,89
	Elsanus & A.M.A. & Miss H.M.Soc	20,00

Miss Gertrude F. Chadwick having been duly profounded, was received into communion the first Sunday in May.

Aug. 30. At the Preparatory Service held this afternoon, Letters were presented

showing that Mr James Elsmie, Mrs Isabella Elsmie and their children. William Charles, Eliza and Isabella are members in good standing of the Established Church of Scotland. Mr. and Mrs Elsmie being members of the congregation of Strathdon, Aberdeenshire, and Isabella being a member of the congregation of Gilcomston Aberdeen. It was voted that they be received into fellowship.

Blanche A. Chadwick, Annie Watts Hubbard and Alice M. Watts having been propounded for admission to the church, it was voted that they be received into fellowship on profession of their faith.

At the Communion Sept 2 Blanche A. Chadwick Annie W. Hubbard and Alice M. Watts were in accordance with the above vote received into fellowship

1889.

At the Preparatory Service in January (3d) Prof. N. B. Sargent and Mrs Kate B. Sargent were received into fellowship from the Congl Church in Manchester, Mass. and Miss Mary C. Austin was received into fellowship from the First Union Presbyterian Church in New York.

Rev. C. E. Park and Bro Wm R. Kimball were delegates to the Semi-annual meeting of the Essex North Conf. held at Ipswich.

At the Preparatory Service in March Mrs Larissa C. Ladd and Margaret P. Hubbard having been duly propounded for admission to the Church it was voted they be received into fellowship on profession of their faith At the Communion in March Mrs Larissa C. Ladd and Margaret P. Hubbard were received into fellowship in accordance with the above vote.

April 14th Mrs Stephen Cutter Clark and Mrs Grace Miller Clark

were at their request dismissed and recommended to the Congl Church in Sierra Madre Cal. Bros Oliver P. Killam, Charles Parby and Wm H. Wood were delegates to the Meeting of the Essex North Conference, held at West Haverhill in Oct.

Oct 20. A letter missive was received from the Congl Ch in Georgetown, inviting the Ch by pastor and delegate to advise as to the dismission of their pastor Rev Lewis Rodgers. The invitation was accepted and Bro. E Davis was chosen delegate.

Oct 31. At the Preparatory Service it was voted that the Pastor and Bro Mr Park be appointed a committee to procure the printing of the Church Manual.

It was also voted that collections be taken at the next and following Communion services until enough money is raised to meet the expenses

1889

Moneys collected for Brunswick objects.

Jan.	A. B. C. F. M.	$6.15
Feb	Am. M. A.	9.76
Mar.	Mass Home Miss Soc	9.00
April	Track Society	4.46
May.	Am Miss Assoc.	13.10
June.	Maine Dept - Centr Miss (Rev. S. Rowe)	4.04
July.	Mass Home Miss Soc.	8.00
Sept.	A. B. C. F. M.	10.26
Oct.	Am Miss Assoc	8.85.
Nov.	Mass Home Miss. Society.	10.53.
Dec	Am Miss Assoc	7.00

Nov 10. A letter missive was received from the North Church Haverhill inviting the Church to be represented by Pastor and delegate to ~~advise as~~ an ecclesiastical council to be held Nov 18. to advise as to the installation of Rev J. D. Bixler as their pastor. Rev. C. E. Park was chosen delegate.

At the preparatory service in Jan. (3) 89 the following communication was received "To the Second Church in Boxford. At a meeting of the donors of Rev Dr. Eatons portrait held at the house of Miss Lucy S. Kimball Nov 12th 1888 it was voted That the portrait of Rev. Dr Eaton, a former pastor of the second Religious Society in the town of Boxford be presented to the church over which he was pastor but to remain with Miss Lucy S. Kimball (his granddaughter) as long as she wishes to retain it, then it is the request of the donors that it be placed in the meeting-

house if possible at the north end east of the Pulpit, or on the front of the gallery.

Rebecca T. Wood
in behalf of the donors."

It was voted to accept.

1890
Contributions

Jan.	American Board.	$4.50
Feb.	Home Missions	$5.80
Mar.	Am Miss Assoc	6.85
April.	Tract Society	6.69
May.	Mass. Home Missionary Soc.	9.37
June	Am Miss Assoc.	9.00
July	Home Missions	12.50
Sept.	A. B. C. F. M.	$13.65
Oct	Am Miss Assoc.	10.48
Nov	Home Missions	5.62
Dec.	Coll and Education Soc.	5.00

Barrel for Home Missionary	= $88.00
Sunday School contribution	9.00
Auxiliary Soc. contribution	21.50
Amount	$207.96

Jan 19. 1890

A letter missive was received from the Congl Church in Amesbury inviting the Church to be present at an ecclesiastical council to be held Jan 29. to advise as to the installation of Rev Geo L. Richmond as their pastor. — W. K. Cole was chosen delegate. —

May 1, Wm H. Anderson was received by Letter from the Congl Ch. in No. Andover.

D. Lewis Adams Dea Isaac W. Andrew and Geo. W. Chadwick were named as delegates to the meeting of the Essex North Conference to be held at Newburyport with the Whitefield Church May 15.

Jun 15 Harriet E. Smith was propounded for admission to the Church

Jun 22 Walter I Chadwick was propounded for admission to the Church.

July 6 Walter I Chadwick and Harriet E. Smith were upon confession of their faith in Christ received to the church Alexander Jones, infant son of Mr and Mrs Alexander Ross was baptized.

Oct 8 Wm H. Anderson and Walter I. Chadwick were named as delegates to the meeting of the Essex North Conference held at Rowley Oct 8th 1890

Treasurers report, Oct 27, 1890.

The treasurer in acct with the 2d church in Boxford.

Dr.

To balance in the treasury		$ .55
" collections		
	Nov. 1889	7.68
	Jan. 1890	3 41
	Mar. 1890	3.30
" contributions		.50

Total		$ 13.44
Cr.		
By paid for Manual		$ 7.00
" " G. W. Chadwick (Ch. tax)		2 74
Total		$ 9.74
Balance in treasury		$ 5.70

Isaac W. Andrew
Clerk and Treasurer.
by C.L.H.

Dec 11.

Dr	
To balance in treasury	$ 5.70
Cr By paid for box for records	2.00
Balance in treasury	$ 3.70

The annual meeting (the first one under the rule) of the Church was held Thursday P.M. Dec 11th
After some time spent in a social manner the members present joined in singing, listened to the reading of Deut VI and were led in prayer by the pastor.
The reports of the clerk and treasur-

er were read and accepted.

The report of the S.S. Superintendent was read and accepted:- from it it appears that of one hundred and twenty under thirty five years of age, thirty are regular attendants upon the Sunday school, forty attend somewhat irregularly and fifty have no connection with the Sunday School.

The roll-call was next in order: forty five members answered to their names by repeating passages of Scripture: twenty four who were absent sent messages which were read by the (acting) clerk, so that out of eighty five, sixty nine were heard from.

Morris L. Cole was propounded for admission to the church.

The meeting closed at 4.30 P.M.

1891

Contributions

Am. Board.	Jan	$5.00
Am. Miss. Assoc.	Feb. & Mar	8.05
Am Board.	April	7.50
Home Miss.	May	26.00
Am Miss Assoc.	June	13.85
College & Education Soc	July.	7.78
Bible Society	Sept.	10.00
Home Missions	Oct.	15.69
Am Miss Assoc.	Nov.	11.50
Home Missions	Dec.	10.10

Foreign $51.50
Coll + Ed. 7.78
Home 208.78
Am Miss Assn 33.40
Gosp (53 + Pub Soc 10.00 — Total $311.47.

There were given in addition to the contributions as noted above (month by month) $48.50 for Riverside Church, $26.00 collected at a fair at the home of Rev G. E. Park, $11.00 at at a Festival on the evening of Fast-day $7.50 by S.S. Barrel valued at $75.00 making total as above $311.47.

1891

Jan 4.
Morris L. Cole was upon confession of faith in Christ received into the church.

Feb 12 Dr Horace K. Foster was at his request dismissed and recommended to the South Cong[l] Church Peabody.

Mehetabel T. Wood died April 8th aged 94 years.

April 8th A letter missive was received from the First Cong[l] Church in Georgetown inviting this church to be present by pastor and delegate at a council to be held April 15th to consider and advise as to the installation of Rev Henry McCartney as their pastor
James Elmore, was chosen delegate

May 13 The Essex North Conference met with the Bellville Church Newburyport,
D. Highill Cole and Morris L. Cole

were delegates from the church and W. K. Cole, Superintendent, represented the Sunday School.

— Harriet Reynolds died Sept 13th 1891 aged 92 years.

Sept 17th A letter-missive was received from the First Church in Bosford inviting this church to be present by pastor and delegate at a Council to be held Sept 22d to advise as to the dismission of their pastor Rev. R. R. Kendall.

Oliver P. Killam was chosen delegate.

Oct 14th

The Fall Meeting of the Essex No. Conference met with the First Church in Georgetown

George E. Davis and Wm Dam Foster were delegates from the church and W. K. Cole, Supt represented the S.S.

Oct 18th A letter-missive was received from Calvary in Haverhill, asking

to be advised as to the expediency of their forming a Church to be known as the Union Congregational Church of Haverhill. Geo. W. Chadwick was chosen delegate,

Nov 1,

A letter-missive was received from the North Congregational Church and Society, Haverhill, inviting this church to be present by pastor and delegate, to consider and advise as to the installation of Rev John H. Reed to be their pastor, Prof. N. B. Sargent was chosen delegate

Nov. 6 William H. Wood died aged 71

Dec 13,

A letter-missive was received from the Belleville Church and Society Newburyport, inviting this church to be present, by pastor and delegate at an ecclesiastical Coun-

cil to be held Dec 15, to consider and advise as to the ordination of Mrs A. W. Hitchcock as their pastor.
A. J. Hurley was chosen delegate.

Dec 17th The annual meeting of the church was held Thursday Dec 17th commencing at 2 o'clock. P.M. After some time spent in a social manner, the members present joined in singing, listened to the reading of passages of Scripture and were led in Prayer by the pastor
The reports of the clerk. Superintendent of the Sunday School and Choister were accepted.
The treasurer's report was as follows.

The treasurer in account with the church

Dr. To balance in treasury		$ 3,70
Cr. By paid Ch tax		$ 2,74
Balance in the treasury		$ 0,96

Dea. Dana Foster having requested that an additional deacon should be chosen, and notice of his request having been duly given, the church voted to proceed to the choice of a deacon.

The results of the ballot was as follows. Whole number of votes 29

A. J. Hanley	had	1.
W. K. Cole	"	1.
N. B. Sargent	"	2.
W. P. Park	"	3.
George Chadwick	"	3.
George W. Chadwick	"	19.

It was voted that the three votes cast for George Chadwick be counted for George W. Chadwick and that he be unanimously chosen. Mr Chadwick thanked the church and after considering the matter declined to serve in the office.

The roll of members was then called. Those present thirty in number, answered to their names

by repeating passages of Scripture, and messages were received from absent members who were absent. The meeting closed with singing and prayer at 4.15 P.M.

Isaac W. Andrus
Clerk.
by C.L.H.

Contributions 1892

Jan.	A.B.C.F.M.	$ 6.80
Feb.	Am Miss Assoc	$ 10.00
Mar.	Home Missions	$ 15.25
April	Am. Miss. Asso	$ 18.00
May	Church Building Soc.	$ 13.00
June	A.B.C.F.M.	$ 14.14
July		0000
August	Am Miss Assoc	$ 12.00
Sept.	Home Missions	$ 11.26
Oct.	Tract Society	$ 6.07
Nov.	Home Missions	$ 10.00
Dec.	Am. Miss Assoc	$ 7.00

Summary

Contribution for Thanksgiving. Boston		$ 10.00
	Foreign Missions	$ 20.94
	Home Missions	$ 36.51
	Am. Miss. Assoc	$ 47.00
	Ch Bldng Soc	$ 13.00
	Tract Soc.	6.07
		$ 133.52

Female Charitable Soc. 2 barrels		$ 145.19
Ladies Foreign Miss Soc	$	50.25
Young Reapers Soc & S.S.	$	12.00
For Christmas Dinner. Boston		5.77

1892

March 6th.

William F. Harriman and Mrs. Annetta E. Harriman were received into fellowship from the North Park Congregational Ch Des Moines, Iowa.

April 17.

A letter-missive was received from the Congregational Church and Society in Merrimac, Mass, inviting this church to be present by pastor and delegate at a council to be held April 20th to advise as to the dismission of their pastor Rev. T. M. Miles.

Rev. C. E. Park was chosen delegate.

April 30

Oliver P. Killam died, aged 73.

May 8th A letter-missive was received from the Memorial Congregational Church and Society in Ringtown inviting this church to be present

by pastor and delegate at an ecclesiastical council to be held May 9th to advise as to the dismission of their pastor Rev George H. Johnson.
George W. Chadwick was chosen delegate.

May 11th
The semi-annual meeting of the Essex North Conference was held with the First Church in Bradford
Dea. Nathl Eage and Wm F. Harriman were delegates from this church and Wm K. Cole, Superintendent, represented the Sunday School.

May 22. A letter missive was received from the Congl Ch in Byfield inviting this church to be present by pastor and delegate at a council to be held June 1 to advise as to the ordination and installation of Rev David C. Torrey as their pastor
Dea Nathl Eage was chosen delegate.

June 12th A letter missive was received from the Union Cong'l Church of Haverhill inviting this Church to be present by Pastor and delegate to advise as to the installation of Rev. Geo. H. Bradford as their pastor
Walter S. Chadwick was chosen delegate.

June 26th A letter missive was received from the 1st Church in Boxford inviting this church to be present by Pastor and delegate to advise as to the ordination and installation of Mr Elmer L. Bradford as their pastor
W. K. Cole was chosen delegate.

Sept 1 A letter missive was received from the Memorial Church in Ipswich, inviting this church to be present by Pastor and delegate at an ecclesiastical council to advise as to the ordination and installation of Mr John

Round Smith as their Pastor. The letter was not received in season for action by the church, and therefore we were not represented

Oct 12

The Annual Meeting of the Essex North Conference was held with the Main St Church Amesbury. Alonzo J. Hunby and Wm R. Kimball were delegates, and Wm C. Cole represented the Sunday School

Oct 16th A letter missive was received from the Centre Church, Haverhill, inviting this church to be present by pastor and delegate at an ecclesiastical council to be held Oct 19th to consider whether the pastoral relation existing between Rev E. G. Holman and the Centre Church should be dissolved. Rev. C. E. Park was chosen delegate.

Oct 30.

A letter missive was received from the Cong'l Church Hermimac, inviting this Church to be present by pastor and delegate at an Ecclesiastical council. Nov. 1 to examine Rev. F. L. Todd as to his religious belief and, if deemed advisable to proceed to his installation as their pastor.

Wm F. Harriman was chosen delegate. —

Treasurer's Report

Dec 9th 1892

The treasurer in acct with the Church

Dr.

To balance in treasury	.96
To Collection Hay Communion	3.21
Total	$ 4.17

Cr.

By paid Church tax.	2.97
Balance in treasury.	$ 1.20

Necrology

Huldah K. Randlett	died	Jan. 19th	aged 87.
Mary E. Ross	died	Jan 15	" 91
Oliver P. Killam	"	April 30	" 73
Catherine G. Killam	"	Nov 16th	" 72
Eliza Kimball		Nov 27th	

Dec 15

The Annual Meeting was held this afternoon beginning at 2.30 with Invocation, reading of Scripture and prayer by the pastor, Singing

The records for the year were read, and reports were received from the Choister and S. S. Superintendent.

The roll was then called and twenty three who were present answered to their names by repeating passages of Scripture, and fifteen, who were absent, sent messages which were read.

After remarks and singing the
meeting closed at 4 o'clock.

Isaac W. Andrus
Clerk.
by G.L.H.

Dec. 29.
Voted to purchase fifty Handbooks.

Contributions 1893.

Jan	Foreign Missions	$ 5.00
Feb	Am Miss Assoc.	$ 8.80
Mar	Home Missions	$ 3.69
April	Ch Building Soc	$ 7.32
May	Am Miss Assoc.	$ 6.48
June	Home Missions	$ 7.78
July	Foreign Missions	$ 8.19
Sept.	Home Missions	$ 9.50
Oct.	Am Miss Association	$ 11.75
Nov.	A. B. C. F. M.	$ 12.25
Dec.	Home Missions	$ 4.00

To Ward Hill Church of Christ $150.00

Summary of above, monthly Contributions. Home 24.97
Foreign 25.44
Am Miss 27.08
Ch Building Soc 7.32

Women's Foreign Missionary Society	60.50
Gleaners	47.00
Charitable Society (band 57. cash 20.)	77.
Mite boxes for Home Missions	25.
S. S. classes	5.
	$ 349.26

1893

Mar 19 A letter-missive was received from the Trinitarian Cong Ch. in No. Andover inviting this church to be present by pastor and delegate at a council to be held Mar. 23. to advise as to the dismission of their pastor Rev. H. H. Leavitt.
Dea Nath' Eaton was chosen delegate.

The Annual Meeting of the Essex North Conference was held with the Pleasant St Church, Newburyport, May 10th
Rev. C. E. Park and Charles Colby were delegates.

July 2 Hermon Tenney Eaton infant son of Dea Nath' and Marion E Eaton and Harold Davis Foster infant son of Albert and Sarah Foster were presented for baptism.

Sept 3

A letter missive was recivd from the Ward Hill Church of Christ inviting this church to be present by Pastor and delegate at services for the recognition of the church and for the dedication of the house of worship to be held Sept 13. George W. Chadwick was chosen delegate.

Oct 4.

The Fall Meeting of the Essex North Conference was held with the Center Church, Haverhill. Prof. N. B. Sargent and D. Lewis Adams were delegates

Nov. 5.

A letter missive was recivd from the Ward Hill Church of Christ in Bradford inviting this church to be present

by Pastor and delegate at an Ecclesiastical council to be held Nov 8th to advise as to the ordination and installation of Mr F. Lincoln Davis as their Pastor
George W. Chadwick was chosen delegate.

Nov. 19.
George Byron Chadwick was at his own request dismissed and recommended to the Tenth Episcopal Church in Portsmouth N. H.

Necrology
Mrs Harriet B. Austin died
May 10th 1893.

Treasurer's Report

Dec 14. 1893.

The Treasurer in acct with the Church

Dr.

To balance in the treasury	1.20
To collection (Holy communion)	4.00
To donations from T.L. Stafford	
Dec 21. 92.	1.00
Aug 31. 93.	.50
Total	$6.70

Cr.

By paid for Congl Handbooks	.75
By paid Ch tax	2.80
Total	3.55
Balance in treasury	$3.15

Dec 14

The Annual Meeting was held this afternoon beginning at 2,30 oclock Singing reading of Hebrews XIII and prayer by the Pastor.

The record for the year was read and remarks were made by Bro. Cage in regard to singing.

The roll was then called

and sixteen who were present answered to their names by repeating passages of Scripture and twenty seven who were absent sent messages which were read.
After singing the meeting closed at 3.45 o'clock

Isaac W Andrew
Clerk
by C.L.H.-

Dec 14
A letter missive was received from the Unitarian Congregational Church North Andover, inviting this church to be present by pastor and delegate at an ecclesiastical council to be held Dec. 20 to advise as to the installation of Rev. Henry E. Barnes D.D. as their pastor.
Dea. Nathaniel Gage was chosen delegate.

Jan 13. 1894
Voted to purchase fifty Cong'l Handbooks.

Contributions 1894

Jan.	A.B.C.F.M.	7.00
Feb	Home Missions	8.07
Mar	Am Miss Assoc.	7.25
April	Tract Society	5.14
May	Am Ed. Society	3.00
June	A. B C. F. M	6.87
July	Home Missions	10.00
Sept	Am Miss Assoc.	5.50
Oct	Ch Building Soc	7.53
Nov.	Am. Miss Assoc.	11.34
Dec.	Home Missions	2.00

Barrel of clothing by Charitable Soc	73.00
Womns Foreign Missionary Soc	$34.00
Gleanings	$29.
Female Charitable Soc. for barrel	$20.
" " "	5.

1894.

Oct 10

The Annual Meeting of the Essex North Conference was held with the 2d Cong'l Church in West Newbury William H. Anderson and George W. Chadwick were delegates.

June 24

A letter-mission was recived from the Cong'l Church in Groveland inviting this church to be present by a pastor and delegate at an Ecclesiastical Council to be held at in Groveland to examine Mr Louis H. Brin and if found proper to assist in his ordination.
Prof. A. B. Sargent was chosen delegate

Oct 10

The Fall Meeting of the Essex North Conference was held with the First Church Ipswich
Walter G. Chadwick and D. M. Cole were delegates.

Treasurer's Report

Dec 13 1894.

The Treasurer in acct with the Church

Dr.

To balance in the treasury	$ 3.15
To May collection	1.60
To donation from T. L. Spofford Oct 30.	.50
Total	$ 5.25

Cr.

By paid for Congl Handbooks	.75
By paid Church tax	2.70
Total	3.45
Balance in the Treasury	$ 1.80

Necrology

Mrs Emily A Parley died Jan. 1 1894
Lucy P. Hovey " Feb. 13. 1894

Dec 13.

The Annual Meeting was held this afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock.

After reading 2 Cor. 12 1-11 and prayer the roll of members was called and twenty four who were present

answered by repeating passages of Scripture and thirteen sent messages which were read,
An hour was then spent in social intercourse during which time a collation was served.
It was voted that the thanks of the Church be tendered to Ethel Harriman and others for decorating the church with flowers during the summer months;-and it was also voted that the treasurer procure Cong[l] Hand books for the use of the members
The meeting closed at 4 oclock.

Dec. 23
Miss Gertrude F. Parkhurst was dismissed and recommended to the 1st Church Boxford.

1895

Contributions

Jan.	A. B. C. F. M.	$ 2.50
Feb.	A. B. C. F. M.	$ 3.50
Mar.	Home Missions	4.00
April	Am. Miss. Association	5.50.
May	Cong'l Education Society	4.40
June	Home Missions	11.47
July	A. B. C. F. M.	13.39
Sept.	Am Miss. Assoc	7.03
Oct.	Mass Home Miss. Soc.	11.50
Nov.	Am Miss Assoc	6.10
Dec.	Cong Education Society	3.36

Charitable Society	Home Missions	20 00
	Barrel	15.50
	Thank offering	18.00
	to church in Minneapolis	5.00

1875

Feb. 10

A letter-missive was received from the Memorial Church, Georgetown inviting this church to be present by pastor and delegate at an ecclesiastical council to be held Feb. 12. to advise as to the dismission of their pastor Rev. John Rounds Smith

A. J. Henley was chosen delegate.

April 28

A letter-missive was received from the Prospect St. Church, Amesbury Ferry inviting this church to be present by pastor and delegate at an ecclesiastical council to be held April 30th to advise as to the installation of Rev Myron A. Patton and if deemed expedient to assist in the installation services Moses J. Henley was chosen delegate

May 8th The Spring Meeting of the Essex North Conference was held with the North Church Haverhill. W. K. Cole and George E. Davis were

delegates.

Aug 8 Harold Earl, infant son of William D. and Lena Gunnell was baptized.

Oct 9th

The Fall Meeting of the Essex South Conference was held with the Memorial Church, Thorntown

Dr. Nathaniel Page and Wm F. Harriman were delegates.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer in acct with the Church

Dr.

To balance in the Treasury	1.80
To July collection	3.58
Total	5 38

Cr.

By paid Church Tax	2.63
By paid for Handbooks	.75
By paid Dr. N. Page. church expenses	2.00
Total	5,38
Balance	000

Dec 13. 1895.-

Necrology

Dea. Isaac W. Andrews died March 1. 1895

Rev Calvin E. Park died March 5th 1895

Dec. 13 Annual Meeting.

The Annual Church Meeting was held on above date The Members coming together in a social way at Eleven o'clock and a Collation being served at about 1 o'clock. Later the Meeting was called to order by the Pastor Rev. C. A. Hubbard who read a Selection of Scripture and offered Prayer. After this exercises the Pastor read the record of the church for the past year. and then declared the Office of Clerk vacant owing to the death of Deacon Isaac W. Andrews. and it was voted. To proceed to Elect a Clerk & Treasurer.

Voted. To take an informal Ballot for this Office.

as the result of this ballot William T. Cole had the largest number of votes. and it was voted

Voted. That William T. Coit be declared elected to the office of Clerk & Treasurer of this Church

The report of the Treasurer was made & accepted. Annual reports were also made by the Minister and the Supt. of the S.S.

Voted. that a Committee of 3 be chosen & draft Resolutions on the death of Lt. Calvin E. Park and Deacon Isaac W. Andrew. — Mr. George H. Chadwick Prof. N.B. Sargent and Miss Rebecca J. Wood. were chosen.

The roll of Members was then called and thirty one responded by repeating or reading passages of scripture, and Messages were read from fifteen others. and then at about four o'clock the Meeting closed

Dec. 23 A letter missive was read from the Trinity Cong. Church Lawrence Mass. requesting this Church & by request, by Pastor and Delegate. at their place of Worship on Friday Dec. 27. at 4 o'clock P.M. to advise in reference to the Ordain

ing of Rev. Frank L. Ridgeway & the Gospel Ministry. and if need expedient to assist in the ordination services.

Walter S. Chadwick was chosen delegate

an 2nd M 1896. at Preparatory Section it was Voted. that the Treasurer and Sec. be copies of Cong. Sec Book for use of the Members

Feb. 2 Th. At a regularly called meeting of the 2nd Congregational Church. Chose Bro. Geo. N. Chadwick Clerk Pro. Tem. Chose William K. Cole. Deacon. Voted. That the term of service be Two Years

Geo N. Chadwick clerk Pro. Tem

A true Copy. attest. W. H. Cole. Clerk

May 12 The Spring Meeting of the Essex North conference was held with the

an oversight of the Clerk. the proper persons for delegates were not notified to attend.

1895-96 Treasurs Report.

Dec 13 The Treasurer in Acct with the Church.

Dec- To. Bal. in Treasury	$0.00
" Dec 13-14 Voluntary Contributions	2.80
" Jan 1896 " "	20
" To Mor. Collection	206
" " Gift from J. L. Stubblefield	100
	6.06

Dec. 13-1895	Cr. By Paid C L Stubblefield Tuning Piano		2.50
Jan 1896	" " Cash for Your Books		75
Mor.	" " " " " Church Tot.		285
			6.10

leaving a deficit of .04

Necrology

David Mighill Cole
Died March 23-1896

July 26. Miss Abbie J. Whittier was at her own request dismissed from this Church and recommended to the Centre Cong. Church. Haverhill Mass.

Oct The Fall Meeting of the Essex North conference was held with Alonzo F. Hutchins & William R. Kimball were delegates.

Contributions

Jan.	A.B.C.F.M.	3.50
Feb.	Home Missions	3.00
	American Miss'y Assoc.	10.23
	A.B.C.F.M	5.02
	Cong. Edical Society.	9.50
	Home Missions	9.82
	American Miss'y Assoc.	6.05
	S.S. Publishing So.	4.54

1897-

Dec 10 1896 the annual Church meeting was held. Called to order at 2 o'clock P.M. The Pastor read Chap. 4th of Book of Eph. followed by prayer. The Clerk read the report for the past year which was adopted. An informal report was given by the Chorister. A very interesting report by the Supt. of the S.S. The report of the Treas. was read and accepted.
The Committee chosen at a former meeting to draft resolutions on the death of Deac. Isaac W Andrew and Rev. Calvin E Park offered through their Chairman Mr. Geo W Chadwick the following resolutions

Whereas: Our Heavenly Father has removed from our midst Isaac W. Andrew who for many years served as Superintendant of our Sunday school. also as Deacon of our church until his decease. Therefore

Resolved. That by the death of Deacon Andrew this church and

Sunday school lose a faithful and efficient member whose loss we regret and sincerely mourn.

Whereas: The Great Head of the Church has again called upon us to part with one who for thirteen years served as Pastor of this Church and Society. Therefore

Resolved. That by the death of Rev. Calvin Cannon Park this Church and Society lose a wise Scholar a wise Counsellor and an earnest Christian Man. and the Cause of Christian progress and Moral reformment is deprived of a devoted laborer and advocate.

Resolved. That while we mourn we would give thanks for the blessing of such a life of almost fifty years among us. first as an honored and beloved Pastor. and then as an active participant in all religious meetings of this Church even to a few days before his death. and what more can we wish

than that those present prayers of
this meet call down the gifts it
desired for this Church in Comm
Resolved. That we tender our
sincere sympathy to this Widow
and her Family in their affliction

George W. Gladwin } Com.
W. B. Sargent. } on
Rebecca A. Wood. } Resolution

Voted. That these resolutions be accepted
and that they be spread upon the record
of the Church. A Communication was
read from Miss Grace A. Hubbard
expressing a desire to unite with this
Church and later on in the Meeting
it was Voted. That she be proposid-
ed for Membership in this Church.
The Pastor then at some length
gave expression to his feelings of
Concern and alarm at the present
condition of disorder and Lawless-

ness

of Young People here in New England at religious services mentioning things that have occured within a few miles of us that were very startling and seemingly incredible and asserting that in his opinion it would be impossible to hold a religious meeting in the evening for four hours, unless there was a change
The roll was then called & the Clerk and 20 members who were present responded with passages of scripture or otherwise. and messages were received and read from others.
followed by the singing of a Hymn.
Voted. That the matter of paying for the new singing books be left with the Management of the S.S.
Voted that at the Communion Service in January a Collection be taken for the Necessary expenses of the Church.
After a Benediction by the Pastor the Meeting was dissolved.

April 29-97- At a regular meeting of the Church. Geo. H. Chadwick was Chosen Clerk pro. tem. Voted. That the Deacons of the Church be a Com. to have the General Charge. and represent the Church at the Conference & be held with our Church. May 12th next. Voted. That W.K. Cole. be a Special Com to procure Tent for the occasion. The Church also appointed the following List of names of persons Chosen as Committee at a society meeting to assist the general Committee

Geo H Chadwick Clerk pro tem

Attest W. K. Cole Clerk

Committee on Church Decoration Mrs. W.M. H. Andrison.

Com. for procuring seating for Conference W.H. Andrison Geo. P. Webster John Benson C.H. Chadwick Jr. R.F. Watts.

Com. for preparing Tables Mrs. C.L. Hubbard Mrs. Lane Foster Mrs. Nath. Gage Mrs Eliza Cole. Mrs. Annetta Harriman Mrs Kate B. Sargent Miss A.C. Clark

Com. in case of Horace Mr. A. J. Tenley
W. S. Chadwick & M. Moulton Clinton Vadon.
it was also voted that there be a special
collection taken in the Church Sunday
May 9th with the spirit of raising the sum
of $12 or $15 to defray the necessary expenses
of the Conference any unexpended bal-
to be turned into the Church treasury.
May 9th. A letter missive was received
from the Cong. Church in Newbury. Mass
inviting this Church to be present by Pastor
and Delegate at an ecclesiastical Coun-
cil to be held in the Meeting House May
11th to examine the Rev. Charles F.
Holton and if deemed advisable
to take part in his installation as
Pastor of the Church. Walter J. Chadwick
was Chosen delegate.
May 12th. The Meeting of the Essex No.
Conference was held with this Church
owing to a very heavy rain storm the
attendance was very small & very much
to the regret of every one interested &

yet the exercises were spirited and interesting and seemed to be much enjoyed by those present and we believe it may well be called a good meeting.

June 12th A letter-missive was received from the Cong. Church in Groveland inviting this Church to be present by Pastor and delegate at an Ecclesiastical Council to be held in their town of Hamilton June 15 to examine Mr. Alexander Flora and if it seems proper to assist in his ordination

Mr. N. B. Sargent
Was Chosen delegate

June 13th. A Communication was received from the West Cong. Church Haverhill stating that at her request a letter of dismissal and recomendation had been granted to Mrs. Lola A. Cole a member in good and regular Standing

June 26th A Communication was received from the union Church in Boston. stating that at her own request Clarice K. Anderson had been given a letter of dismissal and recommendation to this Church.

July 4th Mrs. Lela A. Cole and Mrs. Clarice K. Anderson were received into Church membership.

Oct 13. The Conference of Essex No. Assoc. was held with Mud Hill Church Bradford. W. Lewis Adams William H. Anderson delegates.

Contributions.

American Missionary Asso.		3.00
Mass Home	" Society	19.30
Cong. Education	"	3.92
" Church Build.	"	3.78
Am. Board Com. for Foreign Mis.		10.92
		$40.98

- Necrology -

Mrs H M. Henley Died Feb 2-1897

Mrs Edward K Day Died June 1897

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer	Dr.
Dec. 10 1896 Bal in Treas.	0.00
To. Sun. Collection	3.50
" Money Collected & Contributed on Acct. of Confirmn.	15.83
" Nov. Church collection	3.10
	$22.43

Cr. as follows.

Feb. Cash paid W. H. Anderson towards Singing Books.	2.00
" By. Cash pd. for your Books	.75
May. " " " On Acct of Con.	15.55
Nov " " " Church Tax.	2.77
	21.07

Bal. in Treasury Dec 16. 1897 $1.36

William K. Cole

Sec. & Treasurer.

A letter missive was received from The Hard Hill Church of Christ in Haverhill inviting the church to be present at an ecclesiastical council to be held December 15. to advise as to the installation of Rev. Charles Clark Nathan B. Sargent was chosen delegate.

The Annual Meeting of the Church was held December 16-1897 at 2 O'clk P.M. Opened by singing followed by reading of Scripture and Prayer by the Pastor. The report of the Clerk and Treasurer was read and accepted. Prof. N.B. Sargent reporting for the S.S. said he thought the last year had been a good one in the Sunday School. the Teachers and Pupils having shown more than a usual interest in the work. W.K. Cole tendered his resignation as Clerk and Treasurer. The Chairman called for Votes for Clerk & Treasurer. on the 2nd Ballot Walter F. Chadwick. was declared elected to these Offices.

Miss Jennie Long having expressed a desire to join the Church and being recommended by the Pastor and others it was Voted. That she be propounded for Membership in the Church. Voted that the rule of the Church concerning the time of holding the annual meeting be amended by changing the time from "the last of the year" to "some time during the Autumn". The Roll was then called by the Clerk and 87 Members responded either orally or by Message through others.
After some remarks by the Pastor as to the interest manifested by the young people in religious meetings, and Prayer and songs the meeting was closed by the Pastor with the benediction

Signed William. K. Cole.
Clerk, Pro. Tem.

1898

At the Preparatory Service Thursday afternoon December 30th Jennie Long having been propounded for admission to the Church it was voted that she be received into fellowship on profession of her faith & to the Communion Jan 2d Jennie Long was in accordance with the above vote received into fellowship.

At the Church service March 27 the name of Mr James Glennie was propounded for membership in the Church. Voted that Mr James Glennie be accepted to become a member of the Church.

At the Communion Service May 1st in accordance with the vote of March 27 Mr James Glennie was received into the Church

Mr Geo H. Chadwick & Walter S. Chadwick were appointed delegates to the Essex North Conference held at Newbury May 11 - 1898

At the Church service June 12 the names of Mr James Warren Chadwick and Mrs Mira A. Chadwick were propounded and accepted to become members of the Church

At the Church service June 26 a letter was read from the First Congregational Church in Georgetown Requesting the attendance of the Pastor and a delegate at an Ecclesiastical Council to be held in their Church June 28 - at 3 o'clock P.M. To take action on the Resignation of their Pastor, Rev Henry K McCartney. Mr N. B. Sargent was chosen delegate.

At the Communion service July 3 Mr James Warren Chadwick and Mrs Mira A. Chadwick were received into the Church.

Mr William K Cole and Mr James Warren Chadwick were appointed delegates

to the Essex North Conference held at the Union Church Haverhill Oct 11 1898

Necrology

Mrs Emily Day. Died March 4 - 1898

Mrs Sarah A. M. Kimball. Died May 21 - 1898

Treasurers Account

Dr Cash on hand received from W. K. Cole December 16 1897		1.36
April 12 - 1898 Received of F. L. Stafford		.50
		1.86
Cr Paid Jan 3 - 1898 for 50 hand Books money order and postage		.80
October 11 - 1898 Paid J. V. Lowell Treasurer Essex North Conference for expenses and assessments		4.66
		5.46
		1.86
		3.60

Balance due Treasurer

Paid November 13

1898.

Walter S. Chadwick. Clerk and Treasurer.

The annual Church meeting was held Thursday afternoon November 3-1898 at 2 oclock, in the vestry. The meeting was opened by the pastor with prayer followed by singing. The Clerk and Treasurer then read his report which was accepted. As the Clerk declined serving the coming year. A ballot was taken to fill the vacancy, resulting in the choice of Mr William H. Andersone as Clerk and Treasurer. In the absence of the Superintendant of the Sunday School the Pastor made a short report of the work. The Chorister also made a short report. The subject of choosing a Deacon was mentioned ~~but no action taken~~ Voted not to act. The rool was then called by the acting Clerk Walter T. Chadwick and 37 members responded by word or message. After remarks and prayer by the Pastor the meeting was closed with singing at about 4 o-clock

Signed Walter T. Chadwick.
acting Clerk.

A letter dated November 1st 1898 from the Congregational Church and Society in Rowley Mass. inviting the Church to be represented by Pastor and delegate on the thirtieth day of November to advise as to the installation of Rev. David Brown Jr. but was received too late for the Church to act upon it.

At the Church Service December 11th 1898 a letter was read from the First Congregational Church and Society in Rowley Mass. requesting the attendance of Pastor and a delegate to an ecclesiastical council to be held at their place of worship on the fifteenth day of December to examine Rev. Frank T. Stanwood and if it seemed proper to assist in his ordination. Bro. J. Warren Barnard was chosen delegate.

A Certificate of membership dated Mar. 1st 1899 was received from the Chalmers Church (Presbyterian) in Elora Canada.

certifying that Mrs James Glennie was a member in full communion.

On July 23d Mrs James Glennie was received into membership.

Oct 1 A letter missive was received from the North Congregational Church Haverhill inviting this Church to be present by pastor and delegate at an Ecclesiastical council to be held in their church Oct 3 to examine as to the qualifications of Revrend Jas. S. Williamson and if judged expedient to assist in the service of installation.
A. J. Bruley was chosen delegate,

Nov. 15, The Annual meeting of the church was held this afternoon. beginning at 2 oclock
After singing, reading of Scripture and prayer, the record of the last year was read by the Secretary.
The treasurer's report was read and accepted. $4.98 remaining in the treasury

Wm H. Anderson resigned his office as clerk and G. L. Hubbard was chosen to succeed him.
The roll was called and responses were made by those present, and messages were received from absent members. After remarks by the pastor the meeting was closed at ¼ o'clock.

Three members have died during the year, Mrs Sarah L. Cole. Mrs Mary J. Carleton. Wm R. Kimball.

Collections for 1879.

Cuban Industrial Relief	9.00
Fisk University	55.31
A.B.C.F.M.	75.10
Home Missions	20.55
Am Miss. Assoc.	20.50
S.S. and Pub. Soc.	3.52
Female Charitable Soc	61.00
Gleaners	15.00
Christian Endeavor Soc	2.60
	$ 262.58

The sacrament was administered to Mrs Harper and the infant son of Mr and Mrs James Glennie was baptized.

1900

Jan. 21.
A letter-missive was received from the Main St. Cong'l Church in Amesbury inviting this church to be present by pastor and delegate at an Ecclesiastical Council to be held at their place of worship Jan 23 to consider the advisability of disinissing their pastor. Rev E.L. Richmond
George W. Chadwick was chosen delegate.

May 9.
Dea Nathaniel Page and W. F. Harriman were delegates to the Spring meeting of The Essex North Conference at Whitefield Church Newburyport,

May 20
A letter-missive was received from the North Cong'l Church Newburyport, inviting this church to be present by pastor and delgate at an Ecclesiastical Council to be held at their place of worship May 24. to examine Rev E. E. Shoemaker, review the proceedings of the church and if deemed expedient to proceed to the installation of the pastor-elect.
Alonzo J. Hanley was chosen delegate

Sept 30. — A letter missive was received from the Main St Congl Church, Amesbury inviting this church to be present by pastor and delegate at an Ecclesiastical Council to be held at this place of worship Oct 2. to examine Rev James D. Dingwell, review the proceedings of the church and if judged expedient to assist in the Installation service. —
Alonzo J. Henley was chosen delegate.

Oct. 10. Alonzo J. Henley and Charles Perley were delegates to the Fall meeting of the Essex North Conference held with the Congl Church Groveland

Nov 1
The Annual meeting of the church was held this afternoon beginning at 2. o'clk. After invocation, singing, and reading of Isaiah 58. the record of the last year was read by the secretary.
The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Treasurer in acct with the church

1899 Nov. 15.	Dr		
	To recd of W. H. Anderson		$ 4,98
Dec. 17	To donation of T. L. Shofford		.50
1900 May 6	Collection		3.10
Jun 10	Donation of Mrs E. Cole		.50
		Total	$ 9.08
	Cr.		
	By paid Ch tax .99		4.62
1900 Jan 2	By paid for Conf Handbooks		.84
Oct 10	By paid Ch tax 1900		4.49
	Total		$ 9.95
	Balance against church		.87

Reports from Chorister and Superintendent of the Sunday School followed. The roll was then called ~~and~~ twenty four answered to their names and messages were received from sixteen. —
Singing and prayer closed this part of the service.
The pastor then called attention to several matters relating to the church. and there was an interesting discussion of the proposition to change the form of invitation to the Communion table. Finally the further consideration of the

matter was postponed to the next Annual Meeting
After singing the meeting closed at 3.45 P.M.

C.L. Hubbard

1900

1	Foreign Missions	52.40
2	Cong'l Education Soc	15.38
3	C.L. Building Soc	4,00
4	Home Missions	71,93
5	Am Miss Assoc	59,44
6	S.S. & Pub Soc	3.06
	Other objects	25.00
		$231.21

The Charitable Soc prepared a barrel valued at $5.; besides $20 expended and accounted for above.

1901

Prof N. B. Sargent and Wm H. Anderson were delegates to the meeting of the Essex North Conference of Congregational churches held at Rowley May 8th

May 14 Alonzo J. Hurley was chosen delegate to the meeting of the General Association of Congl Churches held at Andover May 21. 22. 23. ~

A letter missive was received from the Congregational Church in Merrimac inviting this church to be present by pastor and delegate, at an Ecclesiastical Council to be held at their place of worship May 22 to examine Rev. J. W. Flagg pastor-elect to review their procedings and if judged expedient, to ~~procede~~ assist in the installation service.

Bro. Wm F. Harriman was chosen delegate.

June 2. A letter-missive was received from the Billerica Congl Church Amesbury-port inviting this church to be present by pastor and delegate at an Ecclesiastical Council to be held at

their place of worship June 5th to examine the Rev Richard Wright the pastor elect, to review their proceedings and if judged expedient to assist in the installation service,—
Dea Nath'l Cogr was chosen delegate,
June 9. A letter missive was received from the First Church of Christ in Bradford inviting this church to be present by pastor and delegate at an Ecclesiastical Council to be held at their house of worship June 11
1 To consider and act upon Dr J. D. Kingsburys letter of resignation, and
2 To review the procedings in calling Rev Everett S. Stackpole D.D. to become pastor and teacher of our church, examine the candidate and if judged expedient to assist in the Installation service.
Bro George E. Davis was chosen delegate;
June 23. A letter missive was received from the First Cong'l Church and Society Groveland inviting this church to be present by pastor and delegate at a council to be held at their house of worship the 27th inst

to consider and act upon Rev Frank P. Estabrooks letter of resignation and the action of the church and parish thereon,
Bro A. J. Hurley was chosen delegate

Oct 9. D. Lewis Adams and George W. Chadwick were delegates to the Fall Meeting of the Essex North Conference held with the church in West Haverhill, -

Oct 31. 1901
The Treasurer in acct with the church

Dr.
To received of the church (Nov 4 collection 1900) $3.11
87
Cr. By paid deficit Nov 5 80
" " handbooks Jan 1. 1901 1 67
Balance 1.44

Necrology
Mrs Mary H. Cole died April 6. 1901
Mr. James Clenchie died August 25. 1901,

Oct 31 1901

The Annual Meting of the Church was held this afternoon (opening at 2 oclock. After singing and reading Matt V I. 11, prayer was offered by the pastor; - the Secretary's report was read and accepted; - the Treasurers report was read and accepted. (See opposite page)

The reports of Chorister and S.S. Superintendent were given. The roll was then called and twenty seven answered to their names and twenty one who were absent sent messages. Singing closed this part of the service. The proposition, deferred from last year, to change the form of the invitation to the Communion table was then considered. After discussion it was voted that the Minister shall give the invitation as follows "All those who have made profession of love to our common Lord are cordially invited to join with us in this service." -

Invitation to Communion.

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The picture of Rev Dr. Eaton, having, by the terms of the gift, become the property of the Church, it was voted "that Miss Rebecca T. Wood, should be the agent of the Church in securing the removal of the picture"; "that it should be placed in a glass case on the wall of the vestry in the rear of the pulpit", and "that it shall be taken in its present condition" and so placed as indicated above, and "that the matter of the restoration of the picture should be deferred for further consideration".

After singing, the meeting was closed at 4 o'clock,

Contributions 1901 as follows

Foreign Missions. Collections 10,13,	Y.P.S.C.E. 10. / Womens Board 40.	= 60,13
Congregational Education Society.		9,37
Congregational Ch Building Society		6,25
Congregational Home Missionary Society	Collections 6,44 / Other Soc. 40.	= 46,00
Am Missionary Association	Collections 9,86 / Y.P.S.C.E. 40.00	49,86
Congregational S.S. and Publishing Society		4 [illegible]
		185 77

Nov. 3. A note was received from Miss R. J. Wood declining to serve as agent of the church in taking over the picture of Rev. Dr. Peter Eaton. Miss Woods declination is positive.

C. L. Hubbard, Clerk.

Nov. 5.

The following was received from the Improvement Society. The occasion of the note was the fact that the church had voted to change its place of meeting from the vestry to the Library.

" Rev Charles L. Hubbard. Dear Sir. The Improvement Society at their meeting Nov. 4. voted unanimously to thank you for your kindness and help which you gave in regard to our last entertainment: also through you to thank the members of the church for their courtesy in allowing us the vestry for the purpose of decorating on Thursday afternoon October 31st.

Respectfully yours
Nellie M. Stafford Secretary."

A suitable reply was sent to the Secretary of the Improvement Society.

Nov. 6th The following note, claiming that, by the action of the church Oct 31,
the picture of Rev. Dr Eaton reverted
to the original donors; was received,
" West Bedford Mass. November 6. 1901.
My dear Mr Hubbard. It has come to
me that at the time Dr Eatons portrait
was to be received by the church
there was an objection to having it
hung in the upper part of the meeting
house, - and a proposition to have it
hung in the vestry. As one of the
five living donors I objct to that,
and shall continue to strenuously
object. It seems to me that - if
the vote of the donors is not
acceded to by ~~the church~~ refusing to have the
portrait hung in the upper part of
the meeting-house, that it still be-
longs to the donors. Owing to this
second contention about it, I should
prefer to have it hung in the parsonage.
That would not be according to the vote
of 1840. or 1888, But I request delay of
action till all the donors can express
their views. Truly yours Matilda B. Lamd",

1902. Jan. 26.
A letter missive was received from the Orthodox Memorial Church of Groveton requesting this church to be present by pastor and delegate at an Ecclesiastical Council to be held in their "House of Worship" Feb 5th to examine the candidate, David Frank Atherton, review their procedings, and advise them in reference to the same and assist in the Ordination and Installation Service Alonzo J. Hanley was chosen delegate,

The Essex North Conference of Cong' Churches was held with the Belleville Church Newburyport, May 14,
Walter D. Chadwick. J. Warren Chadwick delegates,
Nov 16 Ruth Madeline daughter of William and Lena Emmell was baptized.

Letters missive were received from the First Cong' Ch in Groveton and from the North Church Newburyport inviting to Ecclesiastical Councils, but the Letters were not received in time for the church to take action upon them.

Oct 26 A letter missive was received from the First Congl Church Boxford inviting this Church to be present by pastor and delegate at an Ecclesiastical Council to be held in their place of worship Oct 30th at 10 oclock. The object of the council is to examine Mr Laird W. Snell pastor elect, review the proceedings of the church and if the result is favorable proceed to the installation of the candidate.
A. J. Hurley was chosen delegate.

Oct 8th The Fall meeting of the Essex North Conference was held at First Church of Christ Bradford W. K. Cole, Morris L. Cole delegates.

Oct. 30. The Annual Meeting of the Church was held in the Vestry beginning at 2 o'clock P. M.—
After singing, Matthew 22 1-15 was read and remarks were made by the pastor
The report of the clerk was read and accepted.
The treasurers report was read and accepted
The treasurer in account with the Church

Dr

To balance in Treasury	1,44
To box collection	2,68
To contribution (J. W. Chadwick)	.50
Total	4,62

Cr

By paid ch tax, 1901.	4,49
By paid for Handbooks	.92
	5.31
Balance	.69

Reports offered by Chorister and S. S. Superintendent were accepted
The roll of members was called and twenty answered to their names and eighteen sent messages to be read.
Prayer was offered by the pastor.

It was unanimously voted
that the church relinquish all
claim to the portrait of Rev. Dr.
Peter Eaton in order that it may
revert to the donors.
After singing the meeting closed

C. L. Hubbard
Clerk.

Nov 5. The following note was sent
to Miss Matilda B. Lund.
" Miss Matilda B. Lund.
Your note bearing date of Nov 6th 1901
was read at the ~~Annual Church~~ Meeting
of the church Oct. 30. 1902 and it
was voted unanimously
That the church relinquishes
all claims to the portrait of Rev.
Dr Peter Eaton in order that it
may revert to the donors
I am
Yours respectfully
Charles L. Hubbard
Clerk.

Dec 7 A letter missive was received from the Byfield Cong'l Church and Society, inviting this church to be represented by pastor and delegate at an Ecclesiastical Council to be held at their house of worship Dec 11 to review their proceedings in calling Rev Hubert E. Loveland to be their pastor and to advise expedient to assist in the services of installation.
Walter J. Chadwick was chosen delgate.

Jan 1, 1903.
At the Prayer Meeting Service Mrs Eugene A. Buscom was received into fellowship by letter from the Upham M. E. Church Mt Hill Roxbury and by letter from the Ruggles St Baptist Ch Boston Mass. Mrs was received Mrs Myra S. Buscom. Olin J. Buscom. Grace M. Buscom Gladys E. Buscom. Arthur Everett Buscom.

Contributions 1902

Foreign Missions	53 18
Education Society	6 88
Home Missions	31 65
Am Miss Assn	63 32
S.S. & Pub Soc	3,68
G.G. B.S.	5,48
	166.74

Feb 15. A letter missive was received from the Union Evangelical Church in Amesbury inviting this church to be present at an Ecclesiastical Council, to be held in their place of worship Feb 24 at 7.30 o'clock to review their proceedings in calling Rev Franklin W. Barker to be their pastor, to make the necessary examinations and if the result be favorable proceed to the installation services.
Mrs H. Anderson was chosen delegate.

Feb 26 At the Preparatory Service Miss Annie A. Joy was received into fellowship from the Centre Congregational Church Haverhill.
C.L. Hubbard Clerk

May 13. The Spring Meeting of the Essex North Conference was held at Georgetown (First Ch.) George E. Davis and Albert D. Foster were delegates.—

Oct 19 A letter missive was received from the Ziun Cong[l] Church Haver-

bill inviting this Church to be present by pastor and delegate at an Ecclesiastical Council to be held in the ~~Centre~~ Union Church the 20th of October. at 2 o'clock P. M. to take part in the ordination and installation Rev Edward F. Barrow to be their pastor,
James W. Chadwick was chosen delegate
Oct 21,

The Fall meeting of the Essex No. Conference was held at Amesbury, Main St Congl Church.
Dea. Nathaniel Eaze and Alonzo J. Henly were delegates.—
Contributions 1903,

Necrology

~~William~~ William P. Park Dec 20, 1902.
Mrs Kate T. Jenkins Jan 24 1903
Dea Dan Foster March 25 1903.

Jan. 31.

The Annual Meeting was held on Thursday P.M. at 2 o'clock
After offering the invocation the pastor read 4th Philippians 2d chapter and led in prayer. The records for the year were read, and a partial report of the contributions was given.
The treasurers report was read and accepted,

Dr.	To Nov (1902) collection	2 53
	" Contributions Mrs Emma Cook	50
	" " W. H. Harriman	1.00
	" May collection	3.06
		$ 7.09

Cr	By paid digest	.67
	" " Church tax	3.68
	" " Hand books	.84
		5.19
	Balance	$ 1.90

The roll was called. twenty three members were present and fourteen sent messages, to be read. Remarks were made by Wm Nathaniel Eggs, Alonzo J. Hurly, and the Pastor.

The meeting closed at 3.30 o'clock,

C. L. Hubbard
Clerk, —

Contributions 1903,

Foreign Missions	63.14
Home Missions	33.03
Am Miss Assoc	60.17
Cong'l Ed. Soc,	11.15
Cong'l S.S. & Pub Soc	6.05
Ch Building Soc,	3.74
Seamans Friend Soc	2.27
Total	178.55
Bassd	38.00, —

1904

Feb 29. A letter missive was received from the Cong^{l} Church in Groveland, inviting this church to be present by pastor and delegate at an Ecclesiastical Council to be held March 1 at 3 o'clock to take part in the services of examination and installation of Rev Arthur Dickman to be their pastor.
Walter I Chadwick was chosen delegate

May 1 Mr John B Morton and Mrs Rutta Morton were received into fellowship from the 1st Cong^{l} Church in Ashfield Mass, and the Presbyterian Church Hopewell N. S. respectively.

May 1 A letter missive was received from the West Cong^{l} Church Haverhill inviting this church to be present by pastor and delegate at an Ecclesiastical Council to be held May 3. to examine the Rev. Robert W. Dunbar and to take part the installation services, J. W. Chadwick was chosen delegate,

May 13 George William, son of Mr and Mrs James Elenin was baptized at their home

May 14 W. F. Harriman and John B. Morton, delegates to Spring Conference

July 24. A letter-missive was received from the 1st Church in Boxford inviting this Church to be present by pastor and delegate at an Ecclesiastical Council to be held July 30 to advise with reference to the resignation of Rev Laird W. Snell.
A. J. Hurley was chosen delegate. -

Sept 18

It was voted by the Church that a meeting to choose deacons be held Thursday Sept 29. at 2 oclock P. M.

Sept. 29.

According to the above vote the members of the Church assembled in the vestry at 2 oclock P. M. and after reading of Scriptures, ~~and~~ prayer and singing, proceeded to an informal ballot for deacon, with the following result. E. A. Bascom 1. G. E. Davis 1. A. B. Sargent 2. A. J. Hurley 4. Walter Chadwick 4. Geo W. Chadwick 9. Total 22.
It was then voted to take a formal

Total 21
ballot, George E Davis 1. N. B. Sargent. 2
Wm H. Anderson 2. A. J. Hunley 6. Walter
I Chadwick 10. and Walter I Chadwick
was declard to be elected,
— A second ballot was then taken.
Whole number 22 W. K. Cole 1 N. B. Sar-
gent 2. A. J. Hunley 9. W. H. Anderson 10.
and ~~W~~ Wm H. Anderson was declard
to be elected.
— A third ballot was taken. Whole
number 22. Mr Bascom 1 Albert Fos-
ter 1. James Elennin 1 N. B. Sargent
9. A. J. Hunley 10. and A. J. Hunley
was declared to be elected = Mr
Hunley declind to serve,
— A fourth ballot was taken. Whole
number 21. James Elennin 1 William
K. Cole 1, N. B. Sargent 1. Albert Foster
8. E. A. Bascom 10. — and E. A. Bascom
was declard to be elected, —
After singing and prayer the meet-
ing closed, —
A true record C. L. Hubbard, Clerk

Oct 12 Charles Bailey and Prof. N. B. Sargent were delegates to the Fall Conference.

During July the church was painted by the kindness of Bro. A. J. Hurley.

July 31. At the morning service, the thanks of the congregation were given to Bro Hurley for his generous and thoughtful act.

Necrology

Dea Nathaniel Gage died Aug. 21. 1904.
Mrs Lucy Adams " Oct 28. 1904.

Dec, 1 The Annual Meeting of the church was held on Thursday P.M. at 2 oclock.
After singing, reading of the Scriptures and prayer, The report of the clerk and treasurer was read and accepted.
A letter from Zion Congregational Church was read in which aid was asked for the building of their church.

The following communication was read and the Church voted that it be placed upon the records

"Dec 1 1904

There are upon the records since 1888 communications from the original donors of the Oil Portrait of the Rev. Dr. Peter Eaton. and also votes of the Church at different times in regard to it, The last one on Nov. 5, 1902. is this:- "That the Church relinquish all claim to the Portrait of the Rev. Dr. Peter Eaton, in order that it may revert to the donors. It is thereby the wish of the donors, that their disposal of it shall be recorded."

After considerable search to find some of Dr. Eaton's descendants, they presented it in Dec. 1903, to his oldest great-grandson, Frank P. Flint Esq. — an eminent lawyer in Los-Angeles, California, by whom it was thankfully received and highly prized.

Rebecca T. Wood in behalf of the donors"
It was voted that unfermented wine
be used at the Communion.
Wine. Cups
- It was voted that Individual Cups
be used at the Communion, - that
they be of glass and that they
be procured as soon as ~~the~~ sufficient ~~sum~~ ~~fund~~
funds be raised and that for this
purpose collections be taken at the
Communion service.
- The pastor tendered his resignation as
clerk, - A ballot for clerk resulted
Audit. Clerk as follows, Walter Chadwick 1. E. A.
Bascom 26, and E. A. Bascom was
declard elected, - E. A. Bascom was
chosen treasurer, and George W. Chad-
wick was chosen auditor.

Treasurer's report

The treasurer in account with the Church

Dr.	To balance in the treasury		$ 1,90
	To received		,50
June 8	Mrs Eunice Cole		.25
Jan 17	W. K. Cole		.25
Feb 7	Mrs Larissa Ladd		1.91
	March Collection		5.00
	Nov'mber Collection		
			$ 9.81

Cr	By paid	for Handbooks	.75
	"	Church tax. 1903	3.70
	"	Church tax 1904	4.33
			$ 8.78

Balance in treasury $1.03

The roll was called and those who were present, twenty eight in number, responded and messages were received from fifteen.

Miss Hahriet A. Pearl read a selection from Whittier as applicable to the character of Dea. Nathaniel Eage, and Mr. Hanley offered the following lines which the church voted to place upon its records.

"Dea. Nathaniel Eage was born Dec 23, 1828 and died Aug 21, 1904.

- He was identified with this church and congregation through his whole life.
- He was constant in his attendance upon our services.

- He had an intelligent understanding of the teachings of the Gospel and cordially accepted them.
- And he gave, in many ways, the full measure of his service to the interests of the church.
- Members of other churches join with us in mourning our loss.
- "Soldier of Christ, well done,
Praise be thy new employ
And while eternal ages run
Rest in thy Savior's joy." "

- After singing and prayer the meeting closed at 4.10 P.M.

Charles L. Hubbard,
Clerk.

Contributions 1904.

Foreign Missions	46.72
Am. Miss. Assoc	52.08
Home Missions	18.88
S.S. + Pub. Society	4.15
Cong'l Ed. Society	3.75
	125.69, over

Contributions 1904 brought forward	125.69
Cong^{l} Ch. Building Society	3.59
Seamans Friend Society	5.00
Total	$134.28

1905

Feb. 19. A letter missive was received from the First Cong. Church, Boxford, Mass. inviting this church to be present by pastor and deligate at an ecclesiastical council to be held at their house of worship March 1st 1905, to examine ~~the~~ Mr. Walter Byron Williams, and to assist in the installation and ordination service. Dea. Wm H. Anderson was chosen deligate.

May 21. A letter missive was received from the Trinitarian Cong. Church in N. Andover, to be present by pastor and deligate at an ecclesiastical council to be held at their church on May 25th, to examine the Rev. John L. Reedy and to assist in the installation service

Dea. Eugene A Bascom was chosen delegate.

Sept. 10th "

Before the regular sermon, the Pastor read the following letter.

To the Congregational Church,
West Bedford Mass.
Dea. E A Bascom, Clerk.

Dear Friends.

I have been your minister for nearly 27 years.

I have for some time determined that I would retire from the active duties of the ministry, and I now tender my resignation of the pastorate — the resignation to take effect Oct. 1st "

I invite you to join with me in calling an ecclesiastical council to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between us.

Wishing you prosperity in your future work, I am

Yours in Christian love
Charles L. Hubbard

West Bedford, Mass.
Sept. 9th " 1905.

1905

Record of Special Meeting held in the vestry Tuesday evening Sept. 19th 1905.

Meeting called to order at 7.15 by Clerk Walter I. Chadwick. Foregoing letter of resignation from the Pastor was read by the Clerk.

Voted to accept the resignation and to call an ecclesiastical Council to dissolve pastoral relations.

Voted, to invite 6 churches to attend the council.

Voted, to appoint a committee of 3 to choose the 6 churches. E.A. Bascom, G.H. Chadwick and N.B. Sargent were chosen from the floor.

A recess of 5 minutes being held, the committee reported the following churches as selected to be represented by pastor and delegate to attend the council to be held in the church, September 26th, at 2.30 P.M.

Church in No. Andover,	Rev. J. L. Keedy	Pastor
" " E. Boxford	W. B. Williams	"
" " Bradford	E. S. Stackpole	"
" " Hard Hill	R. C. Sawyer	"

Church in Haverhill - Central - C. M. Clark Pastor
" " " " - Riverside - Geo. L. Gleason "

Voted, that the above committee of 3, represent the church in calling the council

Voted, that a committee be chosen to supply the pulpit with preachers; this committee to act in connection with the one to be chosen by the Parish.

Voted, that this committee consist of 3 persons to be appointed from the floor.

N. B. Sargent, H. J. Stanley and Geo. H. Chadwick were chosen.

Mr. Stubbard moved that letters of dismissal and recommendation be granted himself and Mrs. Stubbard from this church to the Cong. Church in Arlington, Mass. Motion seconded by Dea. W. H. Anderson, and unanimously carried.

Voted to adjourn.

E. B. Bascom
Clerk.

1905

Sept. 24th " 1905

Miss Olive J. Bascom was dismissed and recommended to the Ruggles Street Baptist Church, Boston.

The following are the minutes of the Ecclesiastical Council called to take into consideration the resignation of the Pastor, Rev. Charles L. Stubbard.

West Boxford, Mass, Sept 26-1905

Pursuant to letter missive, an Ecclesiastical Council convened in the Congregational Church, West Boxford, Mass., on Tuesday, Sept. 26th at 2-30 P.M., for the purpose of taking action respecting the resignation of Rev. Charles L. Stubbard as pastor of the church.

The letter missive was read. Rev. Geo. L. Gleason chosen moderator. Rev. Roland D. Sawyer, chosen scribe. Moderator offered prayer.

The roll as completed revealed the following churches represented.

Trinitarian Con'l of So Andover. Rev. J. L. Kelly. Pas.
Dr. C. P. Mitchell, Del.

Ward Hill Church of Christ. Haverhill. Rev. R. D. Sawyer, pastor
Gardner L. Kimball, Del.

Rockford Cong'l Church. A. B. Peabody, delegate
Riverside " " Haverhill, Rev. Geo. L. Gleason pastor
Centre " " " " Calvin M. Clark "
B. Frank Barnes del.
Bradford Cong'l Church. " Rev. E. S. Stackpole Pastor
Harrison E. Chadwick "

E. A. Bascom, clerk of the church, read the pastor's letter of resignation and statements of the action of the church and parish.

The Council listened to a statement by Bro. Stubbard.

Rev. Messrs. Stackpole, Clarke and Gleason, on behalf of the ministers, and Mr. A. B. Sargent, on behalf of the church and parish, spoke in appreciation of Bro. Stubbard's long and useful ministry of 27 years.

Voted, council be by itself.

Voted, that the council approve of the dissolution of the pastoral relation, the same to terminate Oct. 1-1905.

Voted, that Revs. Gleason and Clarke and Mr. Kimball, constitute a committee to draw resolutions expressing the mind of the council

Voted to adopt the following resolutions:-

In coming to this conclusion, we desire further to express our deep satisfaction over the relation of entire accord and tender friendship which we find existed between the Church and Pastor at the close of so long a pastorate. The length of the pastorate is like a great rock in a weary land in these days of brief pastoral connections. Its happy termination speaks more than words possibly can of friendly forbearance, mutual concession, deep devotion to each others welfare, and high and noble fidelity to the ways and spirit of the Master, Christ. We congratulate the church on the quiet, earnest, and persistent way in which through these long years they have upheld the Pastor's hands, and we trust that the example of their past, may be of profit, not only to themselves, but to other churches. We reverently and earnestly commend them to the guidance of the Lord of the church in their search for a new Pastor.

The Council would further record

the high esteem in which it holds the retiring Pastor. Bro. Stubbard is a man of strong individuality, a vigorous thinker, a wise counsellor, and one who always has the courage of his convictions. We congratulate him on his long and successful pastorate in West Boxford. We shall miss him in our ministerial associations, and in the council and work of the churches. We trust that in laying down the active pastorate, he will not wholly retire from the work of the ministry, but that the churches may continue to enjoy the benefits of his long and rich experience, both as preacher and as worker in the varied actions of the churches.

We pray that his last may be his best and brightest days, both for himself and household.

Voted, to authorize the scribe to complete the records.

Dr. Stackpole offered prayer.

Voted to dissolve the council.

(Signed) Geo. L. Gleason, Mod., Roland D. Sawyer, Scribe.

1905.

Oct. 22-1905 Letters of dismissal and recommendation were granted Mr. John B. Morton and his wife Mrs. Ruetta Morton to the Cong. Church at Everett, Mass. Recd by them 9/6-06

Oct. 1-1905 Elizabeth Frederika, infant daughter of John F. and Katharin G. Benson, was baptized by the Pastor, Rev. Charles L. Stubbard, this day.

Necrology

Mrs. Harriet T. Park died April 10th aged 91 years.

Contributions.

Dec. 4-1904	Cong. Sunday School Pub. Soc.		$4.15
Jan 1-1905	Am. Board of C. for Foreign M.		3.85
Feb. 5- "	Mass. Home Missionary Soc.		2.35
March 5- "	Am. Missionary Assn.		4.41
Apr. 2 "	Cong. S. S. & Pub. Soc.		2.73
May 7 "	" Church Building Soc.		3.81
June 4 "	West Boxford Sunday School		3.81
July 2 "	Am. Board of Comm. for F. M.		5.43
Oct. 1 "	Mass. Home Miss. Soc.		10.40
No collection for Sept. and none since Oct.			40.94

1905.

Cash Account.

Dec. 1-1904	Recd. from Rev. Le. L. Stubbard, Jr.	$1.03
" 20- "	" " Y. P. S. Le. E.	.33
	Collected from various individuals for new Communion Service	9.35
Jan. 13-1905	Geo. E. Davis.	2.00
Feb. 14 "	Miss Anna Park.	.25
		12.96

Expenses.

Dec. 20-1904	Hand Books.	$1.00	
" 26-1904	Individual Communion Set.	9.00	
Jan 5. 1905	Express on " "	.35	
" 8 "	Communion Wine	.45	10.80
	Balance.		2.16

The above account has been examined by me and found to be correct.

Geo L. Chadwick Auditor

West Boxford Mass
Dec 25-1905

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The Annual Meeting of the Church was held in the vestry on Dec. 28th, and was called to order at 2.40 by the Senior Deacon, Walter I Chadwick. Psa. 19 was read, and prayer offered by one of the Deacons. After singing, the report of the Clerk was called for, and the records of the year since the last Annual Meeting, were read; also the report of the Treasurer and Auditor. Mr. George H. Chadwick moved that the report of the Treasurer be accepted. The motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

Ballots were cast for Clerk for the ensuing year. E.A. Bascom received 21 votes; the whole number, and he was declared elected.

Ballots were then taken for Treasurer. E.A. Bascom received the whole number cast, which was 20, and he was declared elected.

Ballots were taken for Auditor, and Geo. H. Chadwick was declared elected, having received 20 votes, the

whole number cast.

Motion was made by Dea. Wm. A. Anderson, and seconded by Dea. L. A. Bascom, that we establish the custom of balloting for the board of Deacons each year. The motion was lost, there being but 6 in favor and 8 opposed.

Voted that we purchase 75 copies of the Song. Hand Books.

Upon motion of Dea. L. A. Bascom, seconded by Mrs. A. Bascom, it was voted that we establish the custom of not allowing members who are under 21 years of age the privilage of voting upon church matters.

The roll was called, and 22 members responded. 7 of the members who were not present, sent passages of scripture

After singing, the meeting was dismissed at 3.50.

L. A. Bascom.
Clerk.

1906.

Feb. 8th A special meeting of the church was held in the vestry at 2.30 P.M., with Dea. H. L. Chadwick presiding. After the reading of the Scriptures, prayer was offered by one of the other deacons.

It was moved and seconded that a call be extended to the Rev. Eugene C. Webster to become its Pastor, and that the clerk be instructed to inform the parish of its action. The vote stood 17 in favor, and 2 opposed.

It was voted that a committee of 3 be chosen, to act with a like committee to be chosen from the parish to extend the call to Mr. Webster, and to make arrangements for the installation services.

Messrs. H. B. Sargent, A. J. Manley and Geo. H. Chadwick were chosen to serve as this committee.

The meeting adjourned at 3.40.

Eugene A. Bascom,
Clerk.

1906

constrained not to accept it. The decision has been reached after due deliberation. I would not hide your wishes from you for any reason.

I dont like [illegible] to conviction, and [illegible] time have been loth to feel it my duty to take the pastorate. The case is [illegible]. I regret this decision all the more, because I am exceedingly desirous for a pastorate; but I have left the determination of the matter entirely to the leading of our Lord, the Great Head of the Church. Had he made it appear to me to be my duty, I should have accepted your hearty and unanimous invitation.

I do most fully hope that [illegible] and we [illegible], the Lord will send many [illegible] to the [illegible].

[illegible] you [illegible], and [illegible] me a new [illegible] in the Gospel.

Yours in the Lord,

Eugene M. Hoffman

1906

May 7-1906

Record of Special Meeting of the Church held in the vestry on Monday evening May 7-1906

Meeting called to order by Wm. H. S. Blandwick. In the absence of the Clerk, Mr. Geo. H. Blandwick was chosen to act as clerk for time.

Voted to take a formal ballot for a Pastor. [illegible]

13 votes, the whole number each.

Voted that Mr. [illegible] Blandwick, Wm. H. S. Blandwick and Geo. H. Blandwick, serve as committee, in extending the call to Mr. [illegible] on behalf of the Church.

Voted that [illegible] any doubt as to the pastoral relation shall arise, [illegible] notice shall be given in writing by order of Church or Pastor.

Voted to adjourn

The following letter was sent to the Rev. F. Arthur Sanborn, under date of May 15th 1906.

Dear Sir:— The undersigned, on behalf of the Cong. Church in West Boxford, and the Parish connected therewith, beg leave respectfully to submit for your consideration, the enclosed certified copies of records of votes of that Church and Parish.

Allow us, dear Sir, to add to the invitation contained in these votes, the expression of our earnest hope that you will feel it to be the desire of the Great Head of the Church, that you should accept this call to become our Pastor, and name an early date for the Installation Service.

Praying God to bless you, and all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, we subscribe ourselves,

Yours in the Gospel,

Eugene A. Bascom	Com. of Church	N. B. Sargent	Com. of Parish
N. H. Chadwick		N. F. Hurley	
William K. Cole		Chas. H. Chadwick	

In reply to this invitation, the following letter was received from Mr. Sanborn

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Gloucester Mass., May 22/ 190

To the Committee of Church and Parish
for the Congregational Church of West Bedford,
Mass.

Dear Brethren:- Your communication of
the 17th instant, containing a call to the
Pastorate of your church, has been received
and prayerfully considered.

The unanimity with which the action
has been taken, is certainly most gratifying.
I also have been strongly drawn toward
you and the work of your field. I
therefore hereby accept the call, provid-
ed the following suggestions do not
raise insurmountable difficulties.

I do not know the custom of your
church with regard to installation. Per-
haps the Pastor must be installed before
he can enter upon the work. If not,
would it be as well to defer till after
moving, and hold as soon thereafter
as possible?

My expenses are necessarily large;
to meet them for three months without
payment of salary, would tax my

resources. If some plan can be devised by which your treasurer can, at the end of each month, pay the amount due, my reputation and purse could both be spared a severe strain.

In looking over your parsonage I find a fine, attractive house. If it were always summer, no heating apparatus would be required, but in view of a possible New England winter, I fear stoves will be necessary. To move from here to you; to buy new stoves for the whole house; and to also meet a reduction in salary; will quite severely disturb my finances. Could we arrange for some heating system which will become a permanent addition to your church property?

These are problems confronting me as I deliberate upon your very kind call. I suggest them to you in a spirit of candor.

And to be entirely frank, and that no misunderstanding may later arise, if you coming to the

should develope close and successful results, so that it seems to your conviction that the Schurch cooperate with the Pastor in the Pastor's salary, I shall hope for some increase in your salary when the situation warrants.

Should these suggestions introduce an element which seems to you to call for the withdrawal of your invitation to me, an immediate letter to that effect will of course be promptly honored.

If we come to Ohio, I shall do my best to make my service a telling factor in your church and community life. We shall need to earnestly seek that "Power" which may be ours, but without which we shall only fail.

The time of my coming will be as early as my relations here can be honorably ended. The exact time I will write you very soon.

Most sincerely
(signed) C. Arthur Lambert

In addition to the above, the following letter was received by the Clerk.

Mr. C. A. Bacon. Worcester, Mass. May 23/06
Secy Boxford.

My dear Mr. Bacon:— If agreeable to your people, I can begin my service with you the first Sunday of June. The people here say if it must be, the sooner my successor comes, the shorter time they will be unsettled. Probably I should move during the week following June 3d. I shall wish to get to work among you as soon as possible.

If this is not convenient, or there is any obstacle, will you please write me by your earliest convenience.

Sincerely

F. A. Sanborn.

Replying to these two communications the following letter was sent to Mr. Sanborn.

Secy Boxford, Mass. May 24/06
My dear Brother Sanborn:— Yours of the 22d inst. accepting the call to become our Pastor, under certain conditions, is received.

The committee held a meeting this noon, and talked the matter over. It was the unanimous opinion of—

those present, and there was but one absent, that your demands were not at all unreasonable, and that we would do our best to meet them. We will therefore ask you to commence work among us June 3d 1906.

Very truly yours in behalf of the committee,

E. A. Bascom, Church Clerk

June 19-1906. A letter missive was received from the Centre Leon. Church in Haverhill, inviting this Church to be represented by its Pastor and a delegate at an Ecclesiastical Council to be held in their house of worship on June 27th. to advise regarding the resignation of their Pastor, Rev. Melvin M. Clark. It was voted to accept the invitation, and Bro. A. J. Henly was chosen delegate.

July 18th 1906. A letter missive was received from the Riverside Leon. Church in Haverhill, inviting this Church to be represented by Pastor and a del

legate at an Ecclesiastical Council to be held at its place of worship on Tuesday, July 24th at 3 P.M., to advise respecting the setting of the Rev. De Mont Gordyear Ford as their pastor. He was elected to accept the invitation and Mr. A. B. Sargent was chosen delegate.

Sept. 3d 1906.

Letters missive were sent to the following churches and persons, calling for an Ecclesiastical Council for the purpose of installing the Rev. F. Arthur Sanborn as our pastor, to be held Sept 12th at 10 A.M.

Amesbury - First & Union.
Georgetown - First & Memorial.
Groveland - Long.
Haverhill - Bradford, First, South, Centre, North, Summer, Union St Johns Ward Hill, Grace
Ipswich - First
Linebrook
Merrimac - Evang.
Newbury - Old
Byfield
Newburyport - First, Prospect St, Belleville, Whitefield

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Rowley - Cong.
West Newbury - First
Second.

Mr. John Cunningham.
Rev. J. E. Smith D.D. or substitute
" Le. L. Stubbard.
" H. L. Poore
" Geo. L. Gleason
Trinitarian Cong. Ch. So. Andover.
First Cong. Ch. East Boxford.

Sept. 12/1906 Pursuant to call from the Second Cong. Ch. in E. Boxford, Massachusetts, an Ecclesiastical Council convened at the place of worship of said Church on Wed. Sept. 12th, at twenty minutes past ten o'clock in the morning.

The Letter missive was read by Rev. Le. L. Stubbard of the Newbury Cong. Ch. and on motion of Rev. J. H. Parker of the Union Cong. Church Amesbury, on motion, by the choice of Rev. J. H. Parker of the Union Cong. Church Amesbury, as moderator, and Rev. J. H. Poore of the First Cong. Church, Rowley, as scribe. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Gleason of the Trinitarian Cong. Ch. Newbury

The [illegible] of the churches was made up as follows:— Amesbury First — Rev. J. D. Kingsbury pastor. Amesbury Union — Rev. F. H. Baker pastor. H. F. Woodsum, delegate. Georgetown, Mount [illegible] Co. — Rev. [illegible] pastor. Haverhill — Rev. [illegible] pastor. Haverhill — Bradford — Rev. [illegible] pastor. [illegible] delegate. [illegible] Rev. [illegible] pastor. [illegible] Rev. [illegible] pastor. [illegible] Rev. [illegible] pastor

the church clerk, Eugene Pherson. The re
ports of the deacons were read by the church
clerk, and the secretary of the clerk of the
session.

It was voted that the reports be
adopted.

It was voted to recommend to the chur
and parish, the insertion in their records
of the words, "and the contract between pas
tor and people in regard to the time
notice, shall be subject to the action of ea
ch".

The candidate, Br. F A Simmons then
presented a request of church membership
by the letter of his wife, which was
It was voted, in view of the statement
made by the candidate, that we proceed
to examination.

Bro. Simmons then read a paper

The vote was carried, and so

It was decided that we adjourn

that opportunity be given for further expression of opinion.

It was then voted that the minutes of the examinations, and such papers as the committee may deem necessary be referred to the committee on examinations.

The Chairs, Rev. E. L. Hanford and Rev. H. B. Ferris, were appointed as a committee to return the candidates, and the thanks of the council returned and to arrange for the afternoon program.

The committee reported a program which was approved by the council.

It was then voted that the moderator and clerks be authorized to complete the records; and at the close of the examinations the council be dissolved.

The following is the program as reported.

Reports of Scribe

Invocation — Rev. E. M. Dawes.

Scripture Reading — Rev. E. A. Lawton.

Prayer — Rev. Dr. J. Reynolds.

Sermon by Rev. H. [illegible]

Sermon. — Rev. [illegible]

Anthem by the Choir.
Benediction — Rev. F. A. Sanborn.
(Signed) Rev. Franklin A. Parker
Moderator
Rev. J. A. Stackpole
Scribe

Oct 14 - 1906
Deacon Wm. S. Anderson and Mrs Sarah P. Foster were appointed delegates to attend the fall meeting of the Grey Trott Association to be held at the Pleasant Valley Congregational Church, Wenham on Oct 17th 1906.

Nov. 11/1906 Voted to take the collection taken for Missionary purposes on Nov. 4th to pay for coal delivered on the church

ex. sub. fund were stolen by the earthquake.

Sub. Account.

Dec.	22-1905	Balance	$2.16
June	7-1906	Collection	1.77
"	21 "	Mrs. Ladd	.25
"	27 "	Mrs. Mc. Farlane	.50
July	3 "	A. Hooley.	1.00.
"	11 "	J. H. Mendenhall	1.00
"	11 "	Mrs. Zago.	.50
"	11 "	Mrs. Lodwick.	.50
"	12 "	Miss Hood.	.50
"	25 "	A. Foster	.50
Aug.	15 "	M. A. Patterson	.25
"	4 "	M. J. Woodcock	.72
"	25 "	M. M. Cook	1.00
Sept.	17 "	M. D. Cole	.25
"	17 "	Mrs. A. Woodcock	1.00
Nov.	4 "	Miss B. M. Park	.50
"	4 "	Collection by minister	1.75
		Contributions from various individuals in 1906 for Chas.	9.10
			20.12

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Paid for Labour Books in 1905		$1.10
" " Church Fee	1904	4.25
" "	1905	4.25
" " 25 Stamped Books		1.75
" " 3 doz Letter Missives		.70
" " 2 " Envelopes		.30
" " Postage on 34 Letter Missives		.51
Balance on hand		3.27
		23.12

Donations for 1906.

June 7th	American Box Co.	5.60
Feb. 7	Long Stone Watering	3.63
Mar. 4	Mrs Oxford & Co.	1.29
Apr. 1	Mrs Stevenson	2.92
May 6	Labour on Church Land 5.70	1.30
June 3	Long Church Building Co.	7.10
July 1	" Educational Soc.	7.00
Sept 2	" S.S. & Pub. Soc.	5.00
" 7	Sask. Council Unsectarian Relief	2.00
Nov. 4	California Stevenson	5.77
		54.91

The above receipts & bill have been examined by me and found to be correct.

Dec 17th 1906

Mrs W. Chester & Auditor.

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